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FOREWARD

In fiscal year 1978, one-quarter of the total state budget will be paid directly to the cities and towns of the Commonwealth or to regions, districts or others to fund local functions. There are myriad state aid programs to dispense this money. MAPC's Catalog of State Financial Aid to Local Governments is intended to serve as a resource guide to these programs.

The catalog has been developed as part of the Council's program to provide technical assistance to the 101 cities and towns in the MAPC region. As the officially designated planning agency for the Boston Metropolitan Area, the Council is concerned with assisting local governments in the areas of housing, transportation, open space and recreation, environmental protection and land use planning.

It is the Council's hope that this unique catalog will become a working tool for public officials and others involved in local government. Periodic updating by the Council will assure that its value will continue as programs in state aid change.

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INTRODUCTION

The Catalog of State Financial Aid to Local Governments has been prepared by the Intergovernmental Programs Staff of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to provide local officials and staff with a compendium of valuable reference and resource information relative to the various state financial assistance programs which are available to local governments.

The catalog is organized into two separate sections. Section I of the catalog is arranged using the format of the Commonwealth's Notice of Estimated Receipts (known more familiarly as the "cherry sheet", because of the fact that it was printed on pink colored paper) to set forth the various state financial assistance allocations which are distributed annually to the Commonwealth's local governments.

Each state aid program listed in Section I is listed by page number and also by its cherry sheet number to enable readers of this catalog to easily reference the appropriate program to the "cherry sheet" document which is contained in this catalog.

Section II of the catalog describes the various categorical grant programs which are not listed on the "cherry sheet" but which are available to local governments from various state agencies based upon the availability of state funds and the submission of a local application to the grantor state agencies.

Grant programs listed under Section II have been organized so that they appear by program title under their respective state cabinet secretariats.

For easy use and reference the programs listed in both Section I and Section II have been arranged using the following format:

Department:

Agency:

Program Title:

Authorization:

Objectives:

Eligibility Requirements:

Assistance Considerations:

Information Contact:

This catalog has been prepared from information provided by the state agency having primary responsibility for each program described. Certain programs contained in this catalog are in the process of being changed by the Massachusetts General Court and, in some instances, information requested from state agencies has not been provided. As a result, it will be necessary to update this catalog from time to time to insure that the information is complete.

Attached to the inside page of this catalog you will find a ready-to-mail card which should be filled out and returned to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council if you wish to receive the periodic revisions to this catalog.

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council acknowledges the cooperation and contributions of the agencies that contributed to the preparation of this catalog.

THE "CHERRY SHEET"

State-local fiscal relations in Massachusetts can best be illustrated by reference to the "Cherry Sheet," an official form which in recent years has come to symbolize the transfer of funds between levels of government.

The "cherry sheet" is the annual summary received by each city and town projecting its state receipts and charges for the ensuing fiscal year. The "cherry sheet," realistically, is neither "cherry" nor a "sheet". Formerly, it was a sheet of oversized cherry-colored paper, hence the name, "cherry sheet". The document, with a ledger format, listed certain debits (called assessments and charges) on the left side and certain credits (called distributions and reimbursements) on the right side.

The various assessments, distributions and reimbursements as appearing on the "cherry sheet" were significantly changed by Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1974. As a result, the format of the "cherry sheet" has changed to two sheets with functionally, coordinated colors. Distributions and reimbursements are on a green sheet (see page 12) and assessments and charges remain on a separate pink sheet (see page 13).

Nonetheless, the name of the documents remains as "cherry sheet".

There are other transfers of funds between local governments and regional school districts or special purpose districts which are local arrangements and there are a few state-aid program such as certain kinds of highway aid, which are not shown but are described in Section II of this catalog.

Thus, while the "Cherry Sheet" does not show the total relationship between the state and each city or town or between cities and towns, it does illustrate several factors of state-local relations which are unique to Massachusetts, or at least to New England:

1. The place of the city or town in the overall pattern of government.

2. The system of assessments and charges for costs of other governments which the city or town must pay through the local property tax.

3. The system of state-aid distribution and reimbursements tied directly to the reduction of the local property tax.

The Pattern of Government

The pattern of government in the Commonwealth differs greatly from that of most other states of the Union, especially in the number and variety of independent government units and the place of each in overall structure. The small number of governments in Massachusetts as compared with other states is demonstrated by the fact that in 1967 it was forty-seventh among the states in the number of governments for each 10,000 in the population. Only Maryland, Virginia and Hawaii had fewer.

All states, of course, have a central government and all states have been divided into county governments for the administration of justice, keeping of certain records, highway construction and maintenance, and other state related functions. In addition, as certain areas grew large enough to incorporate, they were given municipal powers; they were established as school districts, not necessarily part of or coterminous with municipalities; or they were established as special districts. In most cases, each of these various units--state, county, municipality, school district, special district--was given its own taxing powers. Separate taxes for each county and each local government, (frequently over-lapping) are the rule.

The Massachusetts governmental structure, however, did not develop along this line. From the earliest history of both the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies, the cities and towns have had a much different place in the overall structure than their counterparts have had in other states. One difference not generally appreciated is that Massachusetts is one of six states in which all the area encompassed within state boundaries is located in some municipality. The others are Indiana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

Another difference is that powers granted the cities and towns of Massachusetts are generally more extensive. This is particularly true of public education, which is part of and not separated from city or town government.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the city or town governments are the only major taxing authorities other than the state. With the exception of some small fire, water, or other special districts which levy their own taxes, each city or town is assessed for the costs of other units of government--county, regional school districts, metropolitan district, transportation or other special district which it is a part. Of the 654 separate units of government enumerated by the federal census of governments in Massachusetts in 1967, only 433 depend on collecting their own taxes--the state, 351 cities and towns, and 81 special districts. This is in decided contrast to the national picture.

State, County and Other Assessments

Initially, the revenues needed to finance the costs of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies were obtained through a tax levied directly on the total estates of individuals equivalent to the modern property tax on real estate and personal property. But with early establishment of separate town governments, a new manner of financing the expenses of the central colonial governments emerged. Instead of a tax being levied directly on the estates of individuals the total costs of the central government were divided among the various towns according to the actual or "equalized" value of all estates in each town in relation to the total of all estates in each colony. Each town then levied a tax on the estates of individuals sufficient to pay its own costs and its share of the costs of the central government. With statehood, this charge on the towns became known as the "state tax"; and, even after the state had developed its own sources of revenue, the amount required each fiscal year to balance the state budget was assessed against the citie and towns until 1946.

With the establishment of county government in the colonies, the costs of each county were levied on the towns located therein in a similar manner and the amounts to be raised came to be known as the "county tax," although it was levied and collected by the town. And in more recent times, as new levels of government, such as the Metropolitan District Commission, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and other special purpose areas or districts, were superimposed on the town structure, all or part of their costs were in turn charged to the local governments.

Assessments currently levied against the cities and towns are of three types: (1) those for which the amount due is determined in whole or in part on the "state tax apportionment basis"; (2) those for which the amount due is determined by a formula designed for the particular district, authority or program; and (3) those for which the amount due is a charge for services rendered or costs incurred by the state.

Assessments determined solely on the "state tax apportionment basis" are: the state tax, if one is levied for the year by the General Court; the county tax; county hospital deficits; the expenses of the Boston Metropolitan District; and debt service for the Metropolitan District Commission parks, water, and sewerage. Those which use the apportionment basis as one factor of the formula are: maintenance, the Metropolitan Parks District; state recreation areas outside the Metropolitan Parks District; all Air Pollution Control Districts; Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District; and the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority.

This group accounts for the major portion of all assessments and this fact underscoreces the importance of the so-called "state tax apportionment basis." The apportionment is based on the fair cash value of all property subject to taxation in each town in the Commonwealth as reported in the equalization and apportionment required to be filed biennially by the State Tax Commission (G.L. c. 58, s. 10C). Until recently, the law required the report of the State Tax Commission to be adopted by the General Court and the last apportionment to be so adopted was in 1963 (c. 660), and it, in turn, was based 75% on the last apportionment adopted prior to that time (c. 559 1945) and 25% on the apportionment submitted by the Commission in 1961. In other words, it was based 75% on the qualized valuations in 1945 and 25% on the equalized valuations in 1961. Out-of-date at the time it was enacted, the apportionment caused no small degree of concern among the Massachusetts citizenry. In fact, it almost took a court case to change it.

However, the requirement that the "adopted" equalization be used as the basis of apportioning these assessments was removed in 1974 (St. 1974, c. 492). Thus as of fiscal 1975, the equalization and apportionment as reported biennially by the State Tax Commission is to be used as the basis of this type assessment.

Assessments which are based on specific formulas are those for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority; mosquito control projects; Metropolitan Area Planning Council; Old Colony Planning Council; and the Ipswich River Watershed District.

Those which are charges for services rendered or costs incurred by the state are: Metropolitan District Commission water and sewerage; state audit of municipal accounts; state examination of retirement system; health insurance, governmental retiree program; motor vehicle excise tax bills; state assessment system; and shellfish purification plants and special education.

In addition to these assessments which appear on the "Cherry Sheet," there are certain other assessments which, as stated earlier, do not. Special districts, such as regional school districts, levy their own assessments on member communities which must in turn include such assessments in the amount to be raised by taxation. Fire, water, sewer, and similar districts are authorized by the special acts which create them to levy taxes at their own rates, to be collected by the member communities.

State Aid Distributions and Reimbursements

Replacement of Local Taxes

Along with the development of the method by which cities and towns in Massachusetts actually collect property taxes to pay the costs of other levels of government, changes were taking place in the manner of levying the property tax itself. With the introduction in the middle of the nineteenth century of the corporate franchise tax levied by the state, a share of the proceeds was returned to the cities and towns as replacement for the property tax which prior to that time had been levied locally on the shares of the corporations. Similarly, when manufacturing machinery was exempted from the local property tax and made subject to a state levied tax at a lower rate, the proceeds were returned to the localities as a replacement for the property tax lost.

Perhaps the most important change in the property tax occurred with the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution which permitted the state to levy the personal income tax as a replacement for the local tax on intangible property and on a person's ability to earn income. This tax was also returned to the cities and towns.

These distributions of state levied and collected corporation and income taxes, therefore, could not in any sense be termed state aid. They were in a real sense simply replacements for taxes which the localities would otherwise have received. Even the initial school aid formulas called for their financing from income tax sources which the cities and towns would have received in any case and amounted actually to a redistribution of these funds.

Tax Distributions

Through 1965, specific portions of each tax were allocated to "agency" funds at the time of collection and were distributed as follows:

TABLE 2.

LOCAL AID DISTRIBUTIONS FROM GENERAL FUND.

(G.L. c. 58, s. 18A)

(a) Amount to be distributed.	(b) Payments to cities, towns, and regional school districts, to extent of available funds, in order of priority:
$452,000,000*, increased by the percent of growth from 1974 of revenue from 3% sales and use tax.	(1) Reimbursements for special education programs under 71A and 71B (physically handicapped or mentally retarded) (see text). (2) Distribution to cities and towns of a proportion of reimbursable school expenditures based on school aid percentage under c. 70 (see text). (3) Balance remaining, in proportion to the amount distributed under (2) above (see text).

* Actually, the amount guaranteed for fiscal 1975 is $396,400,000, and for fiscal 1976 $452,000,000. The growth factor applies thereafter. (St. 1974, c. 492).

1. The income tax, after deduction of administrative costs and transfers for school transportation and school lunch programs, was distributed (1) as school aid, (2) as aid for special classes for the physically handicapped and mentally retarded, and (3) the balance on the state tax apportionment basis.

2. The corporation tax, after deduction of administrative costs, was distributed (1) as a $9.0 million replacement for loss of taxes on machinery which had been taxable locally and (2) the balance on the state tax apportionment basis.

In addition, portions of two other taxes were ear-marked for distribution. One-third of the meal tax was allocated to an agency fund for aiding the localities in paying their share of old age assistance costs. It was distributed proportionally to all communities on the basis of shares of total old age assistance costs. Also, an amount equivalent to two cents per package of the cigarette excise was set aside and used for transportation purposes. Part of this was distributed to communities using public transportation for transporting school students.

These distributions were shown separately on the "Cherry Sheet" and used to reduce the amounts to be raised by local taxation.

State Aid and Reimbursement Programs

State aid in the sense of state revenue sources being used to provide additional funds for financing local government costs probably began early in this century with the first use of state funds for the construction and maintenance of local roads. Through the years, the state gradually established more and more programs to be carried out on the local level and paid a portion of their costs to the cities and towns or regional districts directly from the General Fund.

In 1965, there were educational programs for school transportation, school lunch programs, school building assistance, vocational education, special classes, school counselors, youth service, and libraries. There were public assistance programs for veterans, old age assistance, medical assistance to the aged, aid to families with dependent children, and aid to the disabled. There were other programs in the fields of public health and natural resources, and reimbursements for losses of taxes on publicly owned property and certain property tax abatements to widows and veterans.

These programs were of two types primarily: (1) those for which the state paid a portion of the cost as an incentive for the locality to adopt the program, primarily in education, and (2) those for which the state paid a portion of the cost of a state-imposed but locally adminstrated program, primarily public assistance. Only one, school building assistance, took into consideration the community's need or ability to pay. The local receipts from these state aid programs did not appear on the "Cherry Sheet" but were estimated for purposes of reducing local taxation.

Also, there were a few programs for locally-related costs, such as retired teachers, housing for the elderly, and housing for veterans, under which the state appropriated funds to be paid on behalf of the cities and towns.

A Local Aid Fund, established in 1966 and discontinued in 1969, was divided into two major parts. The first part was made up of the entire receipts from the personal income tax, net of administrative costs, with minor exceptions; 40% of the receipts from the corporation excise; one-third of the receipts from the meals excise; one-third of the receipts from the meals excise; and 20% of the net receipts from the sales and use taxes. Out of this part were made the "machinery basis" distribution and the appropriated reimbursements described in the next section; any balance in this part was to be distributed in proportion to the equalized valuations established by the General Court for the apportionment of state and county taxes. The second part was made up of the remaining 80% of net sales and use tax receipts, plus the annual income of the Massachusetts School Fund (G.L. c. 70, s. 3). This part was used, first, for certain special education programs for physically or mentally handicapped pupils and, secondly, for the distribution of reimbursable school expenditures to the cities and towns in accordance with the school aid percentage. Any balance remaining was to be distributed to the cities and towns in accordance with the school aid percentage. But the available funds were always short of the total school entitlements under the formula.

The 1969 legislation (Acts, 1969, c. 546) abolishing the Local Aid Fund allowed its tax sources to be credited to the General Fund and provided payment of amounts for the appropriated reimbursement programs (described below) to cities and towns from the General Fund. In addition, the legislation established a total guaranteed amount ($239.6 million) for the four historical distribution programs--machinery basis, physically handicapped and mentally retarded programs, school aid, and valuation (or state tax apportionment) basis. The total of these guaranteed distribution statutorily increases by a percentage equal to the increase in the sales tax collections. Initially, this resulted in a fully funded school aid formula and a large reduction in the outdated valuation basis distribution. Subsequent changes in the school aid formula of Chapter 70 of the General Laws so increased the amount of school aid to which the cities and towns were potentially eligible that the total possible school aid is not funded. Further, the valuation basis distribution ceased to be funded in 1972.

In 1974, legislation (Acts 1974, c. 492) was enacted which significantly changed these distributions. In addition to increasing the amount of the guaranteed minimum to $396.0 million for fiscal 1975 and to $452.0 million for fiscal 1976, the legislation eliminated both the machinery and valuation basis distributions. Today there are three distribution programs -- special education, school aid, and a surplus program geared to school aid. These three programs, particularly the first two, are the major items of the Cherry Sheet estimates.

Appropriated Reimbursements

With certain exceptions noted below, reimbursement of property taxes lost to the cities and towns through exemptions or abatements is made by appropriated reimbursements from the General Fund. The other appropriated reimbursements which are of general interest may be summarized as follows:

1. Veterans' benefits.
2. Welfare (insofar as not assumed by state).
3. Conservation (self-help program).
4. Public libraries.
5. Urban renewal.
6. Education (school transportation, education of deaf or blind pupils, retirement pensions, school construction, school lunch program).
7. School transportation starting in FY77 will be appropriated from the Mass. transportation.

School Aid and Other Distribution

The distribution from the General Fund are summarized in Table 2.

1) Special Education Distribution

In addition to appropriated reimbursement programs and the school aid distribution described below, the Commonwealth makes a distribution to cities and towns for bilingual education programs and for special education programs for children with special needs. The bilingual education portion is based on the amount by which the cost per pupil in transition bilingual education courses exceeds the average per pupil expenditure. The special education portion is based on a similar formula except that the average amount of reimbursement for each special education pupil in a city, town or district cannot exceed 110% of the average statewide reimbursement per special education pupil.

2) School Aid Distribution

School aid to which a community is entitled in the calendar year is determined by multiplying its reimbursable expenditures for the preceding fiscal year by its school aid percentage for the calendar year during which the fiscal year began (G.L. c. 70, s. 4). The formula takes into account both need, which is related directly to number of school children and inversely to valuation, and effort, represented by actual expenditures.

Reimbursable school expenditures are the total amount expended by the city or town for the support of public schools, exclusive of transportation, school lunch programs, special classes for the physically handicapped and mentally retarded, vocational educational programs, and capital outlays after deduction of any receipts from other sources, except school aid received during preceding year, which are applicable to the expenditures (G.L. c. 70, s. 2(c)). Reimbursable expenditures are subject to an upper limit of 110% and a lower limit of 80% of the state average reimbursable expenditures per child in net average membership multiplied by the number of children in net average membership in the community (G.L. c. 70, s. 4). However, the total amounts received for school aid for reimbursable purposes cannot exceed

75% of reimbursable expenditures.

The school aid percentage is the difference between 100% and 65% times the valuation percentage, subject to a maximum of 75% and a minimum of 15% (G.L. c. 70, s. 2(d)). The valuation percentage is the equalized valuation per school attending child of the community, divided by the average state equalized valuation per school attending child (G.L. c. 70, s. 2(f)). The school aid percentage may be represented as follows:

$$\text{School Aid \%} = 100\% - 65\% \left[\frac{\frac{\text{Equalized valuation in city/town}}{\text{School attending child in city/town}}}{\frac{\text{Total equalized valuation in State}}{\text{Total school attending child in State}}} \right]$$

The following examples show the computation of the school aid percentages for three towns with the same number of pupils:

(1) Town "A" has 2,500 pupils in public and private schools and an equalized valuation of $48,000,000. Its school aid percentage would be computed as follows:

$$100\% - 65\% \times \left[\frac{\$48,000,000/2,500}{\$23,695 \text{ (State Average)}} \right] =$$

$$100\% - (65\% \times 81.0\%) = 100\% - 52.6\% = 47.4\%$$

(2) However, Town "B", which is a wealthier town also has 2,500 pupils, but has an equalized valuation of $60,000,000. Its school aid percentage would be computed as follows:

$$100\% - 65\% \times \left[\frac{\$60,000,000/2,500}{\$23,695 \text{ (State Average)}} \right] =$$

$$100\% - (65\% \times 101.3\%) = 100\% - 65.8\% = 34.2\%$$

(3) On the other hand, Town "C", which is a poorer town, also has 2,500 pupils, but has an equalized valuation of only $35,000,000. Its school aid percentage would be computed as follows:

$$100\% - 65\% \times \left[\frac{\$35,000,000/2,500}{\$23,695 \text{ (State Average)}} \right] =$$

$$100\% - (65\% \times 59.1\%) = 100\% - 38.4\% = 61.6\%$$

The net effect of this basis of school aid distribution is to guarantee that the state will bear approximately 35% of total reimbursable ordinary school operating costs, but the percentage of reimbursable school operating costs in each city or town which would be borne by the state would vary according to the number of resident pupils in public and private schools to be educated and the wealth of the locality, as measured by the equalized valuation of property, in proportion to the total number of such pupils and the total equalized valuation of the state.

The equalized valuations used for determining the school aid percentage are those reported every two years by the State Tax Commission to the General Court (G.L. c. 70, s. 2(a); see G.L. c. 58, ss. 9, 10C). These equalized valuations are based on current full value for each community, determined by a continuing sales ratio study. They are also used for the apportionment of the expenses of school and other districts among their member communities and for the determination of borrowing limits.

The amount of school aid to which a community is entitled is subject to a minimum limit of 115% of the sum of the amounts paid to the community in 1965 as school aid under Chapter 70, plus any grants and reimbursements paid in 1965 under provisions of Chapter 69, 71, and 74 which were subsequently terminated (G.L. c. 70, s. 4).

The formula for the distribution of school aid is not based on funds available for this purpose, but on expenditures decided upon by the cities and towns. If the amount to be distributed is insufficient to make the full distributions required, the amounts available are distributed to the cities and towns in the proportions in which they would otherwise be due (G.L. c. 58, s. 18A(b)). There have been insufficient funds to distribute the total school aid as computed by formula since 1972.

3) Surplus Distribution

Any balance remaining in the available funds after the balance education, the school aid distributions will be distributed in the proportion which the amount distributed to each city and town under the school aid distribution bears to the total amount of the school aid distribution.

Special Highway Fund Reimbursements

In 1971, a third highway aid program was enacted (Acts, 1971, c. 497). The motor fuels excise was increased one cent with the proceeds specifically set aside for reimbursements to cities and towns for highway construction and maintenance. The formula for determining the amount of highway aid which can be expressed as follows:

Highway Aid	=	Basic Mileage Allowance	+	Road Use Allowance	-	Equalizing Deduction	X	Local Road Mileage

Using, the specific dollar amounts in the statute, the formula would appear as follows:

$$\text{Highway Aid} = \$400 + \$7 \left[\frac{\text{Number of vehicles}}{\text{Local Road Mileage}}\right] - \$.10 \left[\frac{\text{Thousands of equalized valuation}}{\text{Local Road Mileage}}\right] \times \text{Local Road Mileage}$$

The amount of aid for each city and town is determined and a total for all cities and towns obtained. Each city and town then receives, on a semi-annual basis, its proportion of the total funds available from one cent of the motor fuels excise. The first payment is made by December thirty-first, and the second by June thirtieth of each fiscal year.

Lottery and Beano Distribution

The legislation which established the State Lottery (Acts 1971, c. 813) provided that there be created a Local Aid Fund and that the proceeds from the Lottery, after payment of prizes and administration costs, be credited to such fund for distribution to the cities and towns. Further, in 1974 the proceeds from beano games, after payment of prizes, administrative expenses, and the General Fund portion, were put into the Local Aid Fund as well (Acts 1974, c. 492). Originally, such beano proceeds were distributed to cities and towns in which the games were held.

The formula for distributing such proceeds is based on an average grant across the state of ten dollars per capita; however, the amount per capita to any one city or town would be increased or decreased according to how that community's equalized valuation per capita compares to the equalized valuation per capita in the state. The poorer community would receive a larger grant and the wealthier community, a smaller one. The formula for computing the aid for each city or town is as follows:

$$\text{Local Aid} = \left[\frac{\text{State Equalized Valuation per capita}}{\text{Local Equalized Valuation per cpaita}}\right] \times \$10 \times \text{Local Population}$$

Each community's local aid amount would be determined and a total for all communities would be obtained. Each community would then receive, on a semi-annual basis, its proportionate share of the amount available in the fund at the time of distribution. Distributions are made on or before December thirty-first and June thirtieth of each fiscal year.

Thus, the cherry sheet has a direct and immediate impact upon property taxes. Obviously, the higher the distribution and reimbursement figures on the green sheet (page twelve (12) of the catalog) and the lower the assessments and changes (page thirteen (13) of the catalog), a smaller amount has to be raised through property taxation.

Therefore, in its broadest sense, the "cherry sheet" symbolizes the sum total of the varied and complex state-local fiscal relationships - the state revenue being shared with local communities, and, conversely, the amount assessed or charged municipalities for services rendered at other levels of government.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION

FISCAL 1978

13.

NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF FISCAL 1978 ESTIMATED CHARGES TO BE USED IN DETERMINING THE TAX LEVY

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21 .....

NAME OF CITY OR TOWN

The following County Tax and State Assessments as estimated and the underestimates from the prior year must be used by the Assessors in determining the Gross Amount to be raised by Taxation. Overestimates from the prior year must be used by the Assessors as Available Funds.	Column 1 Estimates to be raised	Column 2 **Prior Year** Underestimates to be raised	Column 3 **Prior Year** Overestimates to be Used as Available Funds
1. County Tax G.L. CH. 35, s. 31; 1974, CH. 492			
2. County Hospital G.L. CH. 111, s. 85			
3. Special Education G.L. 71B, ss. 10, 12; 1972, CH. 766 ...			
4. Audit of Municipal Accounts G.L. CH. 44, ss. 41, 46A ...			
5. State Examination of Retirement System G.L. CH. 32, s. 21 (2)			
6. Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills 1962, CH. 727.....			
7. State Assessment System G.L. CH. 58, ss. 7A–7E			
Health Insurance G.L. CH. 32A, ss. 10B (c), 12: 8. Elderly Governmental Retirees			
9. Retired Municipal Teachers			
10. State Recreation Areas Outside Metropolitan Parks District G.L. CH. 132A, ss. 4–6			
11. Metropolitan Parks G.L. CH. 92, ss. 54–59A			
12. Metropolitan Sewerage G.L. CH. 92, ss. 5–8			
13. Connection Charges			
14. Metropolitan Water G.L. CH. 92, ss. 26, 26A			
15. Connection Charges			
16. Entrance Fees			
17. Boston Metropolitan District Expenses 1929, CH. 383, s. 12; 1954, CH. 535			
18. Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority: G.L. CH. 161A, ss. 8, 9; 1974, CH. 825, ss. 6, 7 Net Cost of Service - Jan. 1, 1976 - Dec. 31, 1976 After Commonwealth Credit $ _____			
19. Regional Transit Authorities: G.L. CH. 161B, ss. 10, 11; 1973, CH. 114D Net Cost of Service - July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977 After Commonwealth Credit $ _____			
20. Mosquito Control Projects G.L. CH. 252, s. 5A			
21. Air Pollution Control Districts G.L. CH. 111, ss. 142B, 142C; 1960, CH. 676, s. 1			
22. Metropolitan Area Planning District G.L. CH. 40B, ss. 26, 29; 1974, CH. 476			
23. Old Colony Planning Council 1967, CH. 332			
24. Shellfish Purification Plants 1961, CH. 506, s. 2.....			
25. Ipswich River Watershed District 1966, CH. 682; 1971, CH. 16			
26.			
27.			
TOTALS			

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Massachusetts Department of Corporations and Taxation

STATE TAX COMMISSION

CHERRY SHEET SUPPLEMENT FOR FISCAL 1978

All Municipalities
Name of City or Town

This Cherry Sheet Supplement is notification of the amounts of the several changes that must be made on your 1978 Cherry Sheet. These revised estimates are sent in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 103, Supplemental County Budget for 1977 and Chapter 363A, General Appropriation Act, of the Acts of 1977. The actual appropriations in the latter Act have provided additional assistance to the cities and towns. In addition, the assumption by the Commonwealth of part of the net county court costs allows a reduction in the 1978 County Tax estimate. The changes to be made are shown below. In estimated assessment changes please add or subtract as indicated. All estimated receipts items are to be added.

Estimated Assessments Item — Changes

	Column 1 Estimates to be raised	Column 2 Prior Years Underestimates	Column 3 Prior Years Overestimates
1. County Tax	$-8,000,000.00*	$+2,520,314.01	$-2,155,344.13
Totals	$-8,000,000.00*	$+2,520,314.01	$-2,155,344.13

*Includes 1,859,018.05 for Boston and Nantucket.

Estimated Receipts Item	Additions
A. General Fund Appropriated Reimbursement Programs:	
10. Police Career Incentive	$ 297,703.00
22. Highway & Transit-Fringe MBTA Communities	1,245,500.00
Millville-Fire Expenses, Revere, School Const.	714,241.00
B. General Fund Appropriated Distribution	
2a. Tuition and Transportation, G.L. CH. 76, s.7	1,685,223.00*
C. Local Aid Fund	
Additional Assistance, 1977, CH. 363A	30,000,000.00
F. Total Additional Estimated Receipts	$ 33,942,667.00

*Excludes $214,877 to Regional School Districts.

Additional Information

It is noted that Chapter 383, Acts of 1977 further regulates the application of special education reimbursements to cities and towns and regional school districts. Reimbursements under G.L. Chapter 71B (1972, CH.766) are no longer offset items. The amount of such estimated reimbursement to be received during fiscal year 1978, and thereafter, by a city, town or regional school district shall be applied in the first instance to expenditures during said year for special education programs, provided that the amount of such reimbursement so applied shall not exceed the amount included in the school department budget or in the regional school district budget for said fiscal year for such programs. Any excess shall be applied to expenditures for any municipal purpose. Any excess of a regional school district shall be applied to reduce the operating assessment levied upon member cities and towns for the following fiscal year.

Further instructions relative to Chapter 383 will be given in a Joint Memo from Commissioners Owen L. Clarke and Gregory L. Anrig to be issued in the near future to local school and municipal officials.

SECTION I

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Division of Personnel Administration

PROGRAM TITLE: Pensions to Retired Teachers

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 32 Section 20 (2)(C)

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns which have provided pensions for retired teachers, from July 1, 1914 to present, who are ineligible for pensions under the Teachers' Retirement System.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The chairman or secretary of the school committee of eligible cities and towns must certify under oath to the Teachers' Retirement Board the amount of such pension paid during any period prior to the period immediately preceding July 1, for which reimbursement has not been made and shall furnish such other information as the retirement board may require.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Whenever, after July 1, 1914, a city or town retires a teacher who is not eligible for a pension payable by the Teachers' Retirement System, such community will be reimbursed for pension payments to such teachers, retired, under the provisions of the statutes cited below, by such cities and towns; provided that no such reimbursement shall be granted unless such retirement has been approved by the State Teachers' Retirement Board; and provided that the amount of such reimbursement shall in no event be in excess of the amount to which such teacher would have been entitled as a pension had he or she been a member of the Teachers' Retirement System.

Citations:

Chapter 589, Acts of 1908
Chapter 521, Acts of 1920
Chapter 32, General Laws, Section 43
Chapter 32, General Laws, Sections 1 to 28 inclusive

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance
Division of Personnel Administration
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
727-2715

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Loss of Taxes on Land Used for State Institutions

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 58 Section 13-17

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement to cities and towns for loss of taxes on land used for state institutions and certain other state activities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The state tax commission shall, in 1975 and in every fifth year thereafter, on or before June 1 determine as of January 1st the fair cash value of all land in every town owned by the Commonwealth, and used for such purposes as set forth in Chapter 58, Section 13 of the MGL. "Land" as used shall not include buildings, structures improvements or other things erected on or affixed thereto, under the care and any land acquired by the Commonwealth at a time when it was exempt from local taxes shall not be included in any determination of valuation under Section 13, 14, 15 of Chapter 58.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The treasurer in every year, not later than November 20 shall reimburse each town in which the Commonwealth owns land, an amount in lieu of taxes upon the value of such land as reported to him by the Commissioner of Corporation and Taxation determined by multiplying each thousand dollars of valuation or fractional part thereof by the rate provided for under Section 58 of Chapter 63.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Corporations and Taxation
Bureau of Local Taxation
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-4231

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Loss of Taxes, Flood Control

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 58, Section 17B

OBJECTIVES: To pay to each city and town in which property has been taken for flood control reservoirs by the Commonwealth or the United States.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Consent is granted to each city and town by the Commonwealth pursuant to Chapter 208 of the Acts of 1939, Chapter 504 of the Acts of 1948 and Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1956. (An amount determined by the state tax commission as tax losses resulting from takings.)

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Losses of taxes as determined by the state tax commission shall be based on the then current tax rate in each town in which property has been taken for flood control reservoirs and in the average assessed valuation for a period of five years prior to the acquisition of said land; provided, that whenever a town wherein a flood control reservoir or portion thereof is located shall have made a general revaluation of property subject to the annual municipal taxes for such town, the state tax commission may use such revaluation for determining the taxes for which payment shall be made.

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727-4291

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatements to Veterans

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22A

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for abatements granted certain veterans.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and who are veterans, as defined in clause 43 of section seven of chapter four and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions, and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering such service or who have resided in the Commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, who according to the records of the Veterans Administration or of any branch of the armed forces of the United States by reason of injury received or disease contracted while in such wartime service and in the line of duty, lost or have suffered permanent loss of use of one foot at or above the ankle or lost or have suffered permanent loss of use of one hand at or above wrist, or who according to the records of the Veterans Administration by reason of injury received or disease contracted while in such service, is receiving a statutory award from the Veterans Administration for such loss or loss of sight of one eye, or who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the distinquished service cross, the navy cross or the air force cross to the amount of $4,000 or the sum or $350 whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount, of actual taxes due, in the case of each person, provided that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person, and provided, further, that if said property be greater than a single family house, then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile or a proportionate part of $350, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, shall be exempted. After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this clause, no further evidence of the facts required by this clause shall be required in any subsequent year in the city or town in which the exemption has been granted.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Two thousand dollars of this exemption or up to the sum of $175, whichever basis is applicable shall be borne by the city or town; the balance, up to $2,000 of exemption or up to the sum of $175, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the Commonwealth; and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatements to Veterans

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22B

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for real estate abatements granted certain veterans.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and who are veterans, as defined in clause 43 of section seven of chapter four, and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions, and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who have resided in the Commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to the date of filing for exemption under this clause, who according to the records of the Veterans Administration or of any branch of the armed forces by reason of such wartime service in the armed forces of the United States have suffered in the line of duty the loss or permanent loss of use of both feet at or above the ankle, or loss or permanent loss of use of both hands at or above the wrist or loss or permanent loss of use of one foot at or above the ankle and one hand at or above the wrist, of the loss of sight of both eyes as prescribed and certified by the Veterans Administration to the amount of $8,000 or the sum of $700, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, provided, that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person, and provided, further, that if said property be greater than a single family house then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile or a proportionate part of $700 whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, shall be exempted.

After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this clause, no further evidence of the existence of the facts required by this clause shall be required in any subsequent year in the city or town in which the exemption has been so allowed.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Two thousand dollars of this exemption or up to the sum of $175, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the city or town; the balance up to $6,000 of exemption or up to the sum of $525, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the Commonwealth; and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

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Bureau of Local Taxation
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-4231

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatements to Veterans

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22C

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for real estate abatements granted certain veterans.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the Commonwealth, who are veterans, as defined in clause 43 of section seven of chapter four, and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions, and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to enterining such service, or who have resided in the Commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, and who according to the records of the Veterans Administration by reason of such wartime service in the armed forces of the United States have suffered in the line of duty permanent and total disability, and who by reason of such disability have received assistance in acquiring "specially adapted housing" under laws administered by the Veterans Administration to the amount of $10,000 or the sum of $875, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, provided, that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person, and provided, further that if said property be greater than a single family house then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile or a proportionate part of $875, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, shall be exempted.

After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this clause, no further evidence of the existence of the facts required by this clause shall be required in any subsequent year in the city or town in which the exemption has been so allowed.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Two thousand dollars of this exemption or up to $175, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the city or town; the balance up to $8,000 of exemption or up to the sum of $700, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the Commonwealth; and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatements to Veterans

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22D

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for real estate abatements granted certain veterans' widows.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Real estate to the amount of $2,000 or the sum of $175, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due of the widows of soldiers or sailors who lost their lives in combat as members of the armed forces of the United States in military action at the islands Quemoy and Matsu in the Pacific Ocean; provided, such widow has remained unmarried and has been domiciled in the Commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to the date for filing for exemption under this clause; and provided, further that said real estate is occupied by such widow as her domicile. No real estate shall be so exempt which has been conveyed to such widow to evade taxation.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The amount of the exemption shall be borne by the Commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected for this exemption.

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Boston, MA 02202
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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatements to Veterans

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22E

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for real estate abatements granted certain veterans.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Real estate of soldiers and sailors who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and who are veterans as defined in clause 43 of section seven of chapter four, and who, as a result of disabilities contracted while in such wartime service and in the line of duty, have a disability rating of 100 percent as determined by the Veterans Administration and are incapable of working, and who were domiciled in the Commonwealth for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who have resided in the Commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, to the amount of $6,000 or the sum of $525, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, provided, that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person; and provided further, that if said property be greater than a single-family house, then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile or a proportionate part of $525, whichever would result in an abatement of the greater amount of actual taxes due, shall be exempted.

After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this clause, the assessors shall require an annual statement certifying that the disability rating as determined by the Veterans Administration has not been reduced to less than 100 percent.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Two thousand dollars of this exemption or up to the sum of $175, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the city or town; the balance, up to $4,000 of exemption or up to the sum of $350, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the Commonwealth; and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

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100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-4231

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatements to Widows and Others

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for abatements granted.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: An abatement to the value of $2000 or the sum of $175, whichever is greater may be granted to a widow, or any minor whose father is deceased or real estate occupied by such widow, or minor as her or his domicile, or a person or persons over the age of 70 who has owned and occupied it as a domicile for not less than 10 years; the whole estate, real and personal, must not exceed in value the sum of $20,000, exclusive of property otherwise exempt under the 12th, 20th and 21st clauses of section 5 and exclusive of the value of the mortgage interest held by persons other than the person or persons to be exempted in such mortgaged real estate as may be included in such whole estate.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Where the whole estate, real and personal, of such widow, person or minor exceeds in value the sum of $8,000 exclusive of property otherwise exempt as aforesaid, this exemption shall be borne by the Commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city and town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected.

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727-4231

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office for Administration and Finance

AGENCY: Department of Corporations and Taxation

PROGRAM TITLE: Real Estate Abatement to Blind Persons

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns for abatements granted.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: An abatement in the amount of $5,000, or the sum of $437.50 whichever would result in an abatement, the greater amount of actual taxes due may be granted to a blind person, who is a legal resident of the Commonwealth, whether such property is owned by him separately or jointly or a tenant in common. Such property must be occupied by such person as his domicile.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Four thousand dollars of this exemption or the sum of $357, whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the city or town, the balance up to $1,000 of exemption or $87.50 whichever basis is applicable, shall be borne by the Commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

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Boston, MA 02202
727-4231

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Board of Higher Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Police Career Incentive Program

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 41, Section 108L ST 1973 CH 369 SS 1, 3; ST CH 1975, CH 452 SS1, 3, 4; ST 1976 CH 480 S9.

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement to cities and towns who establish a career incentive program offering base salary increases to regular full-time members of their police departments as a reward for furthering their education in the field of police work.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Police career incentive base salary increases shall be predicated on the accumulation of points earned in the following manner: one point for each semester hour credit earned toward a baccalaureate or an associate degree; sixty points for an associate degree, and one hundred and fifty points for a degree of master or for a degree in law, provided, that the credits or degrees were earned in courses leading towards a degree in law enforcement or any course or degree program approved by the board of higher education prior to July 1, 1976. All semester credits and degrees shall be earned in an educational institution accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or by the Board of Higher Education.

Base salary increases authorized shall be granted in the following manner:

3% increase for 10 points accumulated,
6% increase for 25 points accumulated,
10% increase for 40 points accumulated,
15% increase for 60 points accumulated,
20% increase for 120 points accumulated,
and 30% increase for 150 points accumulated.

No regular full-time police officer shall be entitled to such pay increases for points earned after September 1, 1976, provided, however, that such police officer who is certified as of September 1, 1976 in the police incentive program leading to a degree in law enforcement shall only be granted further base salary increases not to exceed:

Amended by Ch 480, Sec. 9, of the Acts of 1976

15% for an associate's degree in law enforcement, or sixty points earned toward a baccalaureate degree in law enforcement,

20% for a baccalaureate degree in law enforcement,

30% for a master's degree in law enforcement or for a degree in law.

The above base salary increases would also be granted to any police officer enrolled in any course or degree program approved by the board of higher education prior to July 1, 1976.

Any full-time police officer commencing such an incentive pay program after September 1, 1976 shall be granted a base salary increase of:

10% when attaining an associate's degree in law enforcement or sixty points earned toward a baccalaureate degree in law enforcement,

20% increase upon attaining a baccalaureate degree in law enforcement,

25% increase upon attaining a master's degree in law enforcement or for a degree in law.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section and provides career incentive salary increases for police officers shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth for one half the cost of such payments upon certification by the Board of Higher Education. The Board of Higher Education shall certify the amount of such reimbursement to be paid to such city or town from information filed on or before September first of each year with the Board of Higher Education, on a form furnished by it, by the chief of police, or one of similar rank, of the city or town police department.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Board of Higher Education
Police Incentive Program
182 Tremont Street
Boston, Ma. 727-5468

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Animal Health

PROGRAM TITLE: Compensation of Inspectors of Animals

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 129, Sections 15, 17

OBJECTIVES: For the reimbursement of certain towns for compensation paid to inspectors of animals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The city manager in cities having a plan D or plan E charter, the mayor in all other cities, except Boston, the town manager in towns having a town manager form of government and the selectmen in all other towns shall annually, in March, nominate one or more inspectors of animals, and before April 1 shall send to the director the name, address and occupation of each nominee. Such nominee shall not be appointed until approved by the director.

In a town which has a board of health and accepts this paragraph, the nomination of such inspectors shall be made by the board of health and not by the selectmen or town manager.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Towns having a valuation of less than $2.5 million shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, upon certificate of the selectmen, approved by the director, for one-half of such compensation, not exceeding $250 for each inspector in any one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Animal Health
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3011

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Urban Renewal Projects (Federally Aided)

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121B Sections 54-55

OBJECTIVES: To meet in part the cost of an approved urban renewal project.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any city or town action by and through its urban renewal agency may apply to the Department of Community Affairs for an urban renewal assistance grant. Such application shall be in the form prescribed by the department, and shall be accompanied by such additional information as the department may require. The Department of Community Affairs shall examine this application and determine whether the proposed project complies with Massachusetts laws. Upon approval, the Department of Community Affairs shall give notice of the estimated approved cost and compute the amount of urban renewal assistance.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department of Community Affairs shall certify to the comptroller, and the state treasurer shall, within 30 days after each certification, pay to the several cities and towns from available funds the amounts due them in accordance with the following:

The total assistance grant for an approved federally aided project shall not exceed one-half of the local share of the contribution required from the community under the federal contract or more than one-sixth of the net project cost when the municipality pays for the administrative planning and legal expenses as part of the gross project cost. The total grant shall be payable in 20 annual installments and the amount of the grants to be paid shall not exceed $3.5 million in any one fiscal year or a total of $70 million in the aggregate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
Division of Community Development
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-7130

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Urban Renewal (Non-Federally Aided) Projects

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121B Sections 56-57

OBJECTIVES: To provide aid for projects which are to be redeveloped for residential, commercial or industrial reuse, and which are ineligible for federal capital grants under federal legislation or for which a grant application has been denied.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Community Affairs, may contract with cities and towns acting through their urban renewal agencies to provide financial assistance for residential, commercial or industrial urban renewal projects. In determining whether a project is rendered ineligible for federal capital-grant assistance, the provisions of federal legislation permitting a limited amount of redevelopment for non-residential uses need not be considered unless federal funds have been made available.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department of Community Affairs may make advances up to 75 percent of the estimated cost of surveys and plans and administrative expenses in preparation of projects. Such advances of funds shall be repaid out of any monies which become available to the local authority for the project. The state grant in aid shall be equal to one-half of the net cost of each project but shall not be made until the local authorities have appropriated the funds required for the entire project cost. Payments are to be in 20 installments. Grants paid under this program shall not exceed $1 million in any one fiscal year, or a total of $20 million in the aggregate.

FOR FURHTER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
Community Development Division
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-7130

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Human Services

AGENCY: Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Veterans' Benefits and Aid to Needy Dependents of Veterans

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 115, Section 6; St 1972, Chapter 610

OBJECTIVES: Veterans' Benefits Program - provides monetary aid in the form of food, clothing, shelter and medical care for needy eligible veterans and their dependents.

Veterans' Services - to assist and advise veterans and their dependents in the handling and processing of claims under federal and state agencies.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Military Services - Must meet the requirements of the definition of a veteran according to Chapter 115, Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

2. Residence - If military service is credited to Massachusetts and applicant has a valid address, there is no residence requirement.

3. Need Factor - Based on budget and income standards as set by law by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, also available assets on hand.

4. Not all veterans are eligible. Chapter 115 excludes certain veterans. Refer to Section 5, Chapter 115.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The State Treasurer shall annually on or before November 10 in the year after expenditures of veterans' benefits, reimburse each city or town, which share the cost of such program, a sum equal to 50 percent of the total amount paid by such city or town.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3578

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Human Services

AGENCY: Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Annuities

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 115, Section 6B

OBJECTIVES: To provide monthly compensation to certain qualified veterans who meet the disability and residence requirements of Chapter 115.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Military Services - Must meet the requirements of the definition of a veteran according to Chapter 115, Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

2. Must have military service credited to Massachusetts.

3. Must be a resident of Massachusetts while in receipt of annuity.

4. Must meet the requirements of disability based on medical information supplied by the Veterans Administration Adjudication Division.

5. Disability must be a direct result of injury sustained through enemy action, or accident, while in military or naval service.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Is payable directly to the veteran from the Office of the Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth on a warrant from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3578

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Human Services

AGENCY: Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Burial

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 115, Sections 7 & 8

OBJECTIVES: Provide for a burial allowance for veterans, adult dependents, who die without sufficient means to defray funeral expenses, and for burial of any dependent child of veteran, if the veteran and his wife, or his widow do not have sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Military Services - Must meet the requirements of the definition of a veteran according to Chapter 115, Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

2. Eligible persons included under Section 7, <u>but whose dependents are not</u>.

   A. A state guardsman in the military service of the Commonwealth, who served between April 5, 1917 and December 21, 1917 and was honorably discharged from such service, or

   B. Those who served in the state guard established during World War II and were honorably discharged from such service, and

   C. Who die without sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The state treasurer shall annually, on or after November 10 in the year after expenditures of veterans' benefits, reimburse each city or town, which share the cost of such program, a sum equal to 50 percent of the total amount paid by such city or town.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3578

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Vocational Education

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 74, Section 9

OBJECTIVES: For reimbursement to municipalities and regional school districts of expenses for certain approved courses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A city, town, or regional district maintaining approved local or district or regional school district independent distributive occupations, industrial, agricultural, household arts or practical nurse training schools, except agricultural departments in high schools.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commonwealth shall pay to such towns or regional school districts an amount equal to 65 percent of the full maintenance sum for each attending student who has satisfactorily completed the 12th grade or courses equivalent thereto and annually pay one-half the net maintenance sum to a city, town or regional school district with approved vocational programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Tuition Reimbursement

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 74, Section 10

OBJECTIVES: Enrollment of pupils residing in communities without appropriate vocational programs in the schools of another community with such programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any city, town or regional school district which has expended tuition for its pupils attending vocational programs in other schools on a non-resident basis.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Subject to appropriation, the Board of Education shall reimburse 50 percent of the cost of tuition. Reimbursement shall be based on the prior year's expenses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Outside Vocational School Transportation

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 74, Section 8A

OBJECTIVES: To help defray the cost of providing transportation for a person admitted to a day school in another town.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: (a) A town where a person resides who is admitted to a day school in another town under Chapter 74, Section 7, shall, through its school committee, when necessary provide for the transportation. (b) When a child is placed by the Department of Public Welfare or the trustees of the Massachusetts Training Schools into a school described under Chapter 74, Section 7, the town of his residence shall provide transportation.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The town providing transportation under (a) above shall be entitled to state reimbursement to the extent of 50 percent of the amount so expended. A town providing transportation under (b) above shall be entitled to full reimbursement of the amounts so extended.

No reimbursement shall be made for the transportation of any pupil who lives less than 1½ miles from the school he attends.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5730

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Regional Public Libraries

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 78, Section 19C

OBJECTIVES: To establish a comprehensive statewide program for the improvement and development of regional public library service.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The board of library commissioners having established a comprehensive statewide program of regional public library service, consisting of not more than five regional public library systems shall:

1. Approve annual system program budgets;
2. Provide general overall direction and control of regional system plans and activities;
3. Arrange for state-aid reimbursement payments to central and sub-regional libraries for regional system service.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: For such purpose, there shall be appropriated annually an amount equal to 70 cents for each resident in each regional area for which such a regional library system is established. The board of library commissioners shall apply said appropriation in the following manner:

(1) Insofar as practicable, the board shall enter into an arrangement or arrangements with such public library or libraries in each regional area as it may determine under the terms of which such library or libraries shall supply services or space, equipment, personnel, books, periodicals and other library materials to communities having fewer than 25,000 inhabitants;

(2) Said board shall also designate such public library or libraries in each area or an additional such public library or libraries in the area to serve as a regional reference and research center or centers to meet the reference and research library needs of the residents of all the cities and towns in the area; the amount allocated for such reference and research service to be applied only to the cost of such reference and research books, periodicals and other library materials and to the cost of the personnel employed in such reference and research service;

(3) Any library system providing service under an approved plan shall be entitled to receive annually in state aid an amount per capita of its served population per square mile of the area served in accordance with the following schedule:

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (Cont.):

Over	1,000 population	40 cents per capita
	750-999 population	40 cents per capita
	500-749 population	50 cents per capita
Under	500 population	50 cents per capita

(4) In addition to the sums provided in clause (3), the Boston Public Library as the library of last recourse for reference and research services for the Commonwealth, shall be entitled to receive in state aid the sum of 2½ cents Amended by St. 1970, c.636, § 3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-7934

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: School Building Assistance Bureau

PROGRAM TITLE: Construction of School Projects

AUTHORIZATION: St. 1948 Chapter 645; St. 1954 Chapter 346, Section 6A; St. 1974 Chapter 492, Section 18; St. 1976 Chapter 302.

OBJECTIVES: To promote the planning and construction of school buildings and to assist cities and towns in meeting the cost.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Upon receipt of an application from a community, the Board of Education shall examine the application and any facts, estimates or other relative information and shall determine whether the proposed construction is in the best interests of the Commonwealth and the city, town, regional school district or county with respect to its site, type of construction, sufficiency of accommodations. The Board of Education shall consider availability of funds, the order of priorities and construction procedures and standards.

The Board of Education shall approve school projects and reimbursements in accordance with the following order of priorities:

(1) school projects needed to replace or renovate a building which is structually unsound or in a condition seriously jeopardizing the safety of school children, where no alternative exists;

(2) school projects needed to prevent severe overcrowding;

(3) school projects needed to prevent loss of accreditation;

(4) school projects needed to replace or add to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

Beginning in July 1, 1976 and every three months thereafter, the Board of Education shall publish a list of all project applications received showing the priority assigned to each project. In the case of school projects ordered or approved by a court necessary for desegragation or projects as required by in the judgement of the Board of Education to reduce or eliminate racial imbalance, a second priority list, separate and distinct from the list of all other school projects shall be established and published by the Board of Education.

The following standards and procedures shall be a requirement:

(1) applicant community fully consider all available options;

(2) applicant's site selection is based on the cost and environmental factors;

(3) applicant enter into contracts, using forms satisfactory to the Board of Education for such competent architectural, engineering and other services as may be required.

(4) procedures satisfactory to the Board of Education are followed by the applicant throughout the planning and construction of the project.

Any city, town, regional school district or county which is eligible for aid and establishes a community education program and wishes to enlarge or construct a school for the purpose of maintaining or expanding such a program shall be eligible for financial assistance.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Within a reasonable time after receipt of an application, the Board of Education shall notify such city, town, district or county of its approval or rejection, and, in the event of its rejection, the reasons. Notice of approval shall be accompanied by a statement of the estimated approved cost as determined by the Board of Education, and an estimate of the amount of school construction grant to which such city, town, district or county may be entitled.

The final approved cost shall be determined by the Board of Education within a reasonable time after the acceptance of the completed project by the local school committee. Seventy-five per cent of any income received as the result of the investment of the proceeds of bonds or notes which have been issued on account of any school project approved under this chapter shall be deducted from the final approved cost of the project.

The total construction grant for any approved school project in any city or town shall be fifty per cent of the final approved cost of such project multiplied by a percentage, which shall be the proportion, to the nearest tenth of one percent, which the most recent equalized valuation per school attending child for the entire commonwealth bears to the most recent equalized valuation per school attending child of the city or town;

provided, however, that the portion of said total construction grant which is for interest, shall not be less than forty per cent or more than sixty-five per cent of such approved cost which consists of the interest, and that the remainder of the total construction grant shall not be less than fifty per cent or more than sixty-five per cent of the remainder of such approved cost excluding said interest.

(Such cost shall include up to seventy-five per cent of the construction cost and the entire interest paid or payable by such regional school district on any bonds or notes issued to finance an approved school project, which includes, grades, kindergarten through twelve; provided, that in the case of school projects ordered or approved by a court as necessary for desegregation or such projects as may be required in the judgement of the Board of Education to reduce or eliminate racial imbalance, such cost shall include one hundred per cent of interest paid or payable by such city.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Administrator
School Building Assistance Bureau
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5780

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Highway Mass Transportation Aid for Fringe MBTA Communities

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 1140, Section 21 Acts of 1973
Chapter 825, Section 4 Acts of 1974
Chapter 709, Acts of 1975

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement for funds expended for highway related purposes to communities on the outer fringes of the MBTA district.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The sum payable to each city and town, as provided, shall be used only to reimburse 50 communities located within the MBTA district, but on the outer fringes, for funds expended for the purpose of reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges, for mass transportation services, and for the enforcement of traffic laws. The mayor of each city and selectmen of each town shall notify the Department of Public Works in writing of the amount that shall be expended by their respective cities and towns for the above mentioned purposes on or before June 30, 1977.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department of Public Works is authorized and directed to apportion the sum of $2,500,000 among the following cities and towns in the amounts indicated:

Ashland	$55,382.	Natick	$103,500.
Bedford	67,866.	Needham	50,400.
Beverly	76,000.	Norfolk	49,066.
Braintree	67,000.	North Reading	54,830.
Burlington	78,766.	Norwell	30,684.
Canton	59,938.	Norwood	51,800.
Cohasset	19,400.	Peabody	72,000.
Concord	48,200.	Pembroke	65,458.
Danvers	49,000.	Randolph	38,600.
Dover	19,200.	Reading	45,600.
Duxbury	42,000.	Rockland	36,000.
Framingham	170,400.	Scituate	42,400.
Hamilton	22,000.	Sharon	43,200.
Hanover	26,000.	Sherborn	46,744.
Hingham	50,000.	Stoneham	37,000.
Holbrook	21,400.	Sudbury	90,600.
Hull	23,000.	Topsfield	48,982.
Lincoln	24,000.	Walpole	45,000.
Lynnfield	25,000.	Wayland	54,000.
Manchester	14,000.	Wellesley	61,000.
Marshfield	42,000.	Wenham	15,000.
Maynard	21,000.	Weston	32,600.
Medfield	55,952.	Westwood	30,000.
Middleton	37,550.	Weymouth	98,600.
Millis	46,418.	Wilmington	86,464.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Public Works
State Aid - Cities and Towns
100 Nashua Street
Boston, Massachusetts
727-4775

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Water Pollution Control

PROGRAM TITLE: Water Pollution Abatement Program

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 21, Section 37

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns which have constructed an approved water pollution abatement project.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Commonwealth shall reimburse any city or town which prior to September 6, 1966 had constructed or had under construction a water pollution abatement project and which project was financed in whole or in part by the proceeds of serial bonds or notes issued on or after December 31, 1957.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Reimbursements under this section shall be paid from amounts appropriated from the Local Aid Fund in the following manner:

An amount equal to 30 percent of the principal payments of such serial bonds or notes maturing each year beginning January 1, 1968. Federal grants on or after January 1, 1956 which exceeds 30 percent of the projects' construction costs, shall have the effect of reducing the state's share by the number of percentage points by which the federal grant exceeded 30 percent.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Water Pollution Control
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3267

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Board of Education - Office of the Commissioner

PROGRAM TITLE: Racial Imbalance Program

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 76, Section 12A

OBJECTIVES: To provide financial assistance to cities and towns for payments of certain costs incurred under plans for the elimination of racial imbalance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The school committee of any city and town or any regional school committee may adopt a plan for attendance at its schools by any child who resides in another city, town or regional school district in which racial imbalance exists in a school. (Racial imbalance, the condition of a public school in which more than 50 percent of the pupils attending such school are non-white).

The plan along with the vote of the local school committee on the plan, must be filed with the State Board of Education. The board will than accept or reject such plan within 90 days. No school committee shall be required to implement any plan unless and until it and the board have entered into an agreement providing for the amount of financial assistance and the terms upon which such assistance shall be provided.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commonwealth shall, subject to appropriation and upon certification by the board, provide financial assistance. The financial assistance shall include payments for:

1. The cost per pupil of educating each non-resident child, as approved by the Board.

2. The cost of transportation of each child.

Any gift, grant or contribution accepted by a school committee shall be deposited with the local treasurer and in a separate account.

Note: School committees may receive and accept grants or contributions from any source, public or private. Also, the board shall provide technical and other assistance to any town in the formulation and implementation of such plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Board of Education/Office of the Commissioner
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5700

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education/Office of the Commissioner

PROGRAM TITLE: Magnet Education Program

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Sections 37I and 37J

OBJECTIVES: To provide magnet school facilities and educational programs within the public schools for the purpose of reducing or eliminating racial imbalance or racial isolation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The school committee of any city, town or regional school district may apply to the State Board of Education for a grant or reimbrusement for all or part of the cost of providing a magnet school facility and for all or part of the cost of providing magnet educational programs within the public schools. Such application shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education and must be approved and certified by the board.

In the case of a magnet school facility, the Board of Education shall notify the local school committee of the board's approval or disapproval of such application, and in the case of approval of the estimated amount of the grant. In the case of magnet educational programs, reimbrusement shall be made only after certification by the Board of Education that such cost actually has been incurred, that the cost is measurable, and that the program has met certification requirements.

The following costs of providing a magnet school facility shall be eligible for any such grant:

(a) The average cost per pupil of educating each child who attends such facility or the public school of which such facility is a part, less the average cost per pupil of educating each such child at the public school which he otherwise would have attended; provided, however, that such costs shall be determined according to a method approved by the board, and that, to the extent possible, such method shall determine the average cost per pupil of educating each such child in the grade in which he is enrolled;

(b) the cost of transporting each child attending the magnet school facility;

(c) the cost of planning and construction, reconstruction, enlargement, rehabilitation, or other improvement for the magnet school facility provided, however, that no such grant shall be for more than seventy-five percent of any such cost; and

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (continued):

(d) such other costs incidental to the provision of the magnet school facility as the board may approve.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5700

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Office of the Commissioner

PROGRAM TITLE: Equal Education Improvement Fund

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 15, Section 1I

OBJECTIVES: To provide assistance in the formulation of plans to reduce or eliminate racial imbalance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The State Board of Education shall establish guidelines by which the school committee of a city, town or regional school district participating under the provisions of this act, may prepare and submit to the board for its approval a plan for a program to improve the quality of education in the city or regional school district. The plan shall include an estimate of the cost of implementing the program. Upon approval, the Board of Education shall designate that the necessary amount be paid to the applicant community from the Equal Education Improvement Fund of a city, town or regional school district.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Board of Education shall designate and administer a separate "Equal Education Improvement Fund" for each city, town or regional school district participating under the provisions of the act, to be known as the (name of city, town or regional school district) Fund. The Commonwealth capital shall, subject to appropriation, pay into such fund $500 for each non-white pupil transferred from a school in which racial imbalance exists to a school in which racial isolation or racial balance exists, and likewise, the Commonwealth shall pay $500 for each white pupil transferred from a school in which racial isolation exists to a school in which racial imbalance or racial balance exists for the purpose of reducing or eliminating racial imbalance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Executive Office of Educational Affairs
Department of Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5700

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education/Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Public Libraries

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 78, Sections 19 A-B

OBJECTIVES: To encourage the growth, improvement and use of public library services.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Board of Library Commissioners shall require the filing of an annual report by each city and town and shall require that such public libraries:

1. Be open to all residents of the Commonwealth;
2. Make no charge for normal library services;
3. Be kept open a minimum number of hours per week;
4. Employ a trained library worker;
5. Expend a reasonable portion of the library's total budget for books and periodicals;
6. Lend books to other libraries in the Commonwealth and extend privileges to the holders of cards issued by other public libraries in the Commonwealth on a reciprocal basis.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The State Treasurer shall annually, on or before July 1, pay to each city and town a sum of money which shall be determined as follows:

1. To each town having a population of less than 2000, a sum equivalent to the amount appropriated by it for free public library service during the preceding year, but in no event more than $1,000;

2. To each city and town having a population of 2000 or more, a sum not exceeding 37½ cents for each resident, provided that the city or town appropriated at least $1000 during the preceding year for its free public library service.

No city or town which appropriates for its free public library service in any one year an amount less than six dollars per capita of population shall receive any money under this section, if such appropriation for free public library service for the four years immediately preceding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-7934

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: School Lunch Partial Assistance

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 548, Acts of 1948

OBJECTIVES: Provision of lunches to public school children.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any city, town or regional school district entitled to reimbursement under the provisions of the National School Lunch Act is eligible.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Reimbursement, subject to appropriation, will be made to the extent that federal funds apportioned to the Commonwealth are insufficient to provide the full reimbursement to which the school lunch programs are entitled under federal law. State reimbursement occurs monthly, based on the prior month's expenditures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Board of Education/Division of School Facilities

PROGRAM TITLE: Elderly Lunch Program

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 15, Section 1L

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement to cities and towns and partial assistance to private schools for a lunch program for needy elderly persons.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The school committee of any city or town designated by the Secretary of Elder Affairs may extend the school lunch period for the purpose of serving lunches to authorized elderly persons. Private schools in any city or town so designated may also participate.

The governing body of each city and town shall be responsible for developing a plan for a year-round hot lunch program for the elderly.

The Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services in the Department of Education may contract with non-profit public or private agencis for the preparation and serving of means to the elderly in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Such meals may be prepared by schools and non-profit agencies and served on site or in central centers for more convenient service to the elderly.

The operation of such school lunch programs by public or private schools and non-profit public or private agencies shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The charge to such persons for each lunch shall not exceed fifty cents.

2. The lunches served shall meet the nutritional standards established jointly by the Department of Education and the Secretary of Elder Affairs.

3. The procedure determined by the school committee or approved by the Secretary of Elder Affairs and the Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services in the Department of Education.

4. The Secretary of Elder Affairs shall provide each such person with an identification card authorizing his participation in the lunch program.

As used in this section, the words "authorized elderly persons" shall mean persons sixty years of age and over and their spouses, whose participation in the program has been approved by the Secretary of Elder Affairs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commonwealth may, subject to appropriation, reimburse any city or town, public school, private school or non-profit public or private agency for such costs as are incurred in excess of fifty cents for each such lunch prepared and served, upon written request by such city or town, public school, private school or non-profit public or private agency to the Commissioner of Education on such form as he may prescribe. If the commissioner approves such request, he shall certify to the comptroller that such payments are due and the state treasurer shall pay the same. Any federal funds provided annually for the purposes of this program shall be expended prior to the use of any funds appropriated by the Commonwealth.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Board of Education
Division of School Facilities
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8146

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of School Facilities and Related Services

PROGRAM TITLE: School Breakfast Program

AUTHORIZATION: M.G.L. Chapter 15, Section 1G; St. 1970 Chapter 871

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement for assistance in the furnishing of a breakfast program to school children.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Board of Education shall require all public schools which draw their attendance from areas with a high number of needy children, as defined by the bureau of nutrition education and school food services in the Department of Education, to make school breakfast programs available to children.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The commissioner of education is authorized to reimburse from funds as may be appropriated for the purpose of providing free lunches and breakfasts to children, sponsors of nonprofit school food service programs to the extent that federal funds apportioned to the commonwealth for the purpose of providing free meals to children are insufficient to cover the average state-wide cost of such free meals as determined by the bureau of nutrition education and school food services in the department of education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
Division of School Facilities and Related Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA
727-8146

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Transitional Bilingual Education

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71A

OBJECTIVES: To provide for the establishment of transitional bilingual education programs in the public schools and to provide supplemental financial assistance to aid local school districts to meet the extra costs of such programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Not later than March first of any year each school committee shall ascertain the number of children of limited English-speaking ability within their school system. This shall be done under regulations prescribed by the Department of Education and shall classify the children according to the language of which they possess a primary speaking ability. When, at the beginning of any school year, a city, town or school district (not including children in private school systems) contains twenty or more children in any such language classification, the school committee shall establish a program in transitional bilingual education for the children in each classification. A school committee may, however, establish a program with less than twenty children.

Any city, town or school district may join with any other city, town or school district or districts to provide the programs required or permitted by this chapter.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The costs of the programs shall for the amount by which such costs exceed the average per pupil expenditure of the city, town or the school district for the education of children of comparable age, be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Reimbursement shall be made upon certification by the Department of Education that programs in transitional bilingual education have been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 71A, the Department of Education's own regulations, and the approved plans submitted by the city, town or school district.

The Commonwealth shall reimburse any city, town or school district for one-half the cost of providing transportation for children attending a program outside the city, town or district in which they reside.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
Bilingual Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8300

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education/Division of Special Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Special Education Programs

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71B, St. 1972, Ch. 766

OBJECTIVES: To pay for the education expenses of school age children with special needs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: In accordance with the regulations, guidelines and directives of the Department of Education, issued jointly with the Departments of Mental Health and Public Health and with assistance of the Department of Education, the school committee of school age children who have special needs. The committee shall diagnose and evaluate the needs of such children and propose a special education program to meet them, and subsequently provide or arrange for such program. The committee shall maintain a record of the identification, diagnosis, and proposal, as well as the program actually provided, and make such reports as the Department of Education may require.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The costs of instruction, training and support, including the cost of special education personnel, materials and equipment, tuition, transportation, rent and consultant services, of the children in special classes, instruction periods or other programs relating to the aforementioned shall, for the amount by which such costs exceed the average per pupil expenditure of the city, town or school district for the education of children of comparable age, be reimbursed by the Commonwealth to the city, town or school district. The amount of such reimbursement for each special education pupil shall not exceed 110 percent of the applicable state average expenditure for each special education pupil minus the state average expenditure per public school pupil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
Division of Special Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5770

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education

PROGRAM TITLE: State Ward Program (Foster Children)

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 76, Section 7

OBJECTIVES: To provide tuition of children under control of department of public welfare.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any child over five years of age placed elsewhere than in his home town by, or there kept under the control of the department of public welfare or the child welfare division of the institutions department of Boston.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commonwealth or Boston, from its appropriations for school purposes, shall pay to said town for each day of enrollment in a public elementary school an amount charged by the school committee but not at a rate in excess of the expenditure per pupil for support, exclusive of general control and transportation within the town, of the public day elementary schools in said town for the next preceding school year based on the average membership of such schools as printed in the annual report of the department of education, and, for enrollment in a public junior or senior high school, the regular rate established by the school committee for non-resident pupils, filed and approved by the department of education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts
727-5700

DEPARTMENT: **Executive Office of Educational Affairs**

AGENCY: **Board of Education/Division of State and Federal Assistance**

PROGRAM TITLE: School Aid (Reimbursements to Cities, Towns and Regional School Districts)

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 70

OBJECTIVES: To promote an equality of educational opportunity in the public schools of the Commonwealth, and to promote an equality in the burden of the cost of school support among the respective cities and towns.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Every superintendent of schools shall file annually with the Commissioner of Education, not later than December first, a sworn statement upon blanks prepared by the department containing the information specified in Section 2 of Chapter 72.

Every superintendent of schools shall file annually with the Commissioner of Education, not later than July 31, a sworn statement certified by the city auditor or officer having similar duties in a city or town, upon blanks prepared by the department, of reimbursable expenditures for the preceding fiscal year.

The commissioner shall examine both statements and shall, not later than December 31, certify to the comptroller and to the State Tax Commission the amount of school aid to be paid to each city and town under this chapter.

If the superintendent of schools of a city or town fails to file a report as prescribed by section 2 of chapter 72, the Commissioner of Education may determine the number of school attending pupils of such city or town according to his best judgment and belief, but not in excess of the aggregate number of pupils included in the last report filed under section 2.

The number of pupils attending school in each city or town as so reported shall be subject to approval, verification and adjustment by the Commissioner of Education, and any adjustment which reduces or increases, as the case may be, the school aid to which a city or town is entitled, shall be taken into account in the school aid to be paid to such city or town, as soon as may be after the adjustment is made and certified to the comptroller and the State Tax Commission.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: <u>How the Chapter 70 Formula Works</u>

All school expenses are considered "reimbursable" except vocational education costs, transportation costs and certain other costs which are reimbursed through other schemes. Before a

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town submits its application for reimbursement, it must subtract those costs plus any revenue from other sources.

Six factors which generate the formula for the state-aided educational program and which are important in understanding the formula are:

1. School attending pupil
2. Equalized valuation
3. Net average membership
4. Reimbursable expenditures
5. Valuation percentage
6. School age percentage

The basic part of the formula which computes the school aid fund (Chapter 70 as amended) is based on a city's or town's ability, need and effort.

1. Chapter 70, Section 2 (e)

   "School attending pupil" is any pupil in any school, kindergarten through grade twelve, resident in the city or town, as reported by the superintendent of schools in accordance with the requirements of section 2(a) of chapter 72.

2. Chapter 70, Section 2 (a)

   "Equalized valuation" is the equalized valuation of the aggregate property in a city or town subject to local taxation, as most recently reported by the State Tax Commission to the General Court under the provisions of section 10(c) of chapter 58. (i.e., the full market value of all real property subject to local taxation within a city or town).

3. "Net average memberships" in public schools

   "...the net average membership in the public schools of a town for any town for any school year shall be the average membership for such year as shown by the school registers, increased by the number of pupils resident therein whose tuition in the public schools of another town, for not less than half such year, the town has paid, decreased by the number of non-resident pupils attending its schools for not less than half such year."

4. Chapter 70, Section 2 (c)

   "Reimbursable Expenditures" is the total amount expended by a city or town during a fiscal year for the support of public schools during said year exclusive of expenditures for transportation, for food, for school food service programs, for

programs of vocational education as provided in chapter 74 and for capital outlays, after deducting therefrom, any receipts for tuition, receipts from the federal government, the proceeds of any invested funds, and grants, gifts and receipts from any other source, to the extent that such receipts are applicable to such expenditures; provided, however, that amounts received by a city or town under this chapter as school aid shall not be so deducted. The Commissioner of Education may, by regulation, further define the expenditures and receipts that may be included hereunder.

5. Chapter 70, Section 2 (f)

"Valuation percentage" is the proportion to the nearest tenth of one percent, which the equalized valuations per school attending pupil of the city or town bears to the average equalized valuation per school attending pupil for the entire state.

6. Chapter 70, Section 2 (d)

"School Age percentage" is the amount by which 100 percent exceeds the product, to the nearest tenth of one percent, of 65 percent times the valuation percentage; provided that, in applying the school aid formula under section 4, the maximum percentage of state support shall be 75 percent and the minimum shall be 15 percent.

There are limitations which must be met in order to arrive at a certified amount of state aid to which a city or town will be entitled.

A percentage of "reimbursable expenditures" for a city or town is reimbursed by the Commonwealth. This percentage is found by multiplying the average taxable property valuation per pupil in a town divided by the average taxable property valuation per pupil through the state times 65 percent, then subtracting this percentage figure from 100 percent. Thus, if a town's taxable property per school attending child is greater than the average through the state, the figure subtracted from 100 percent will be greater than 65 percent and the percentage of reimbursable expenditures to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth will be smaller. This is the equalizing core of the present formula. A maximum of 75 percent and a minimum of 15 percent form the boundaries within which this formula is carried out. Another dimension of this formula provides that if a town claims over 110 percent of the average reimbursable expenditures per child, it will not be reimbursed for costs greater than 110 percent. Similarly, if a town claims less than 80 percent of the average reimbursable expenditures per child the formula treats that town as if it claimed 80 percent.

1. $100\% - 65\% \times \left[\frac{\text{Town's average property valuation per school child}}{\text{State's average property valuation per school child}}\right]$

   = TOWN'S SCHOOL AID PERCENTAGE

2. Town's school aid percent is never greater than 75 percent or less than 15 percent.

3. School aid percentage is applied to reimbursable expenditures up to or equal to 110 percent of the state average, and to no less than 80 percent of the state average.

4. No town can receive less than 115 percent of money they received under the old formula in 1965.

5. One further dimension to keep in mind is that this formula attempts to include a municipal overburden factor by using the entire school age population of a town in figuring the valuation per pupil rather than limiting the definition to those attending public school.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Board of Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5700

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education/Division of Curriculum & Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Transportation of Pupils

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Section 7A

OBJECTIVES: To help defray the cost of transporting children to and from school.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

A. Limitations

1. No reimbursement for pupils transported less than 1½ miles.

2. Amount of grant per pupil for transportation to private schools shall not exceed the amount of grant per pupil for transportation to public schools.

3. Contracts:

   a. No contract shall be awarded except on the basis of prevailing wage rates.

   b. If contract is awarded to other than the lowest bidder, the school committee shall file with the Department of Education a written statement giving its reasons.

   c. No reimbursements shall be made for expenses incurred pursuant to any contract awarded in violation of Section 7A of Chapter 71 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

4. The Department of Education shall advise and assist the school committees of the several towns relative to the transportation of pupils at the lowest cost commensurate with their safety including the planning of routes and the selection and use of equipment.

5. No town shall be reimbursed an amount less than the amount received in 1946.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The State Treasurer shall annually, on or before November 20, pay the several towns, subject to appropriation, the sums required as reimbursement for expenses approved by the Commissioner of Education, incurred by any town for the transportation of pupils once daily to and from school within the town or in another town, in excess of five dollars per annum in the Net Average Membership (NAM) of such town.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-7934

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Equal Education Opportunity

PROGRAM TITLE: Racial Imbalance Transportation

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 71, Section 37D

OBJECTIVES: To help defray the costs of transporting pupils in order to eliminate or reduce racial imbalance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A city, town or regional school district which transports pupils as part of an approved plan to reduce or eliminate racial imbalance is eligible. Costs are limited to those incurred in transporting white pupils from racially isolated to racially imbalanced schools and non-white pupils from racially imbalanced to racially isolated schools.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Subject to appropriation, the Board of Education shall pay 100 percent of the costs eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement shall be based on the prior year's expenditures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Equal Education Opportunity
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5880

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education

PROGRAM TITLE: School Transportation

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Section 7B

OBJECTIVES: To provide for the reimbursement of part of the cost not reimbursable under section 7A of chapter 71 incurred directly by a school department or indirectly by a city or town on account of an assessment made to meet the cost of maintaining a public transportation system used for the transportation of pupils in a city or town using public transportation facilities licensed under the provisions of section 1 and 7 of chapter 159A or 161B.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: From the Net Average Membership (NAM) in the public or private schools, the Commissioner of Education shall estimate the number of pupils who reside more than 1½ miles from the schools they attend, which number shall not exceed 10 percent of NAM. The Commissioner of Education shall then certify to the State Tax Commission a transportation allowance to the city or town for the preceding school year.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The amount of allowance shall be determined by multiplying the number of pupils or the estimated number of pupils residing more than 1½ miles from the school, by the average cost per pupil in the city or town for transporting all such pupils, provided that such cost shall not exceed 20 cents per pupil per day.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8300

DEPARTMENT: Treasurer and Receiver General

AGENCY: Treasurer and Receiver General

PROGRAM TITLE: Local Aid Fund Distribution (Lottery, Beano, Charity Games)

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 10, Section 35; Chapter 58, Section 18C; Chapter 29, Section 2

OBJECTIVES: In order to provide state assistance to cities and towns from the State Lottery.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The State Treasurer, upon certification of the commission and without further appropriation, shall annually distribute to the several cities and towns the amounts credited to the Local Aid Fund, established by section 2D of chapter 29.

The amount to be distributed to each city and town in any fiscal year shall be the amount of the "equalizing municipal grant" for such city or town multiplied by the number of residents. The "equalizing municipal grant" shall be the amount, to the nearest cent, determined by multiplying the amount of ten dollars by an "equalizing municipal percentage". The "equalizing municipal percentage" shall be the proportion, to the nearest tenth of one percent, which the equalized valuation per person in the Commonwealth bears to the equalized valuation per person in the city or town. Approximately 50 percent of said annual distribution shall be made on or before December 31 and the balance on or before June 30 of each fiscal year.

For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. "Equalized valuation per person in the Commonwealth" is the equalized valuation of all property in the Commonwealth subject to local taxation, as most recently reported by the commission to the general court under the provisions of section ten C, divided by the number of persons who reside in the Commonwealth.

2. "Equalized valuation per person in such city or town" is the equalized valuation of all property in such city or town subject to local taxation, as most recently reported by the commission to the general court under said section ten C, divided by the number of persons who reside in such city or town.

3. "Persons who reside in the Commonwealth" is the total population of the Commonwealth as enumerated in the most recent official state census conducted by the state

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secretary or in the most recent official federal census, adjusted by the commission to conform as nearly as possible to the same definitions as used in the state census.

4. "Persons who reside in such city or town" is the population of the city or town as enumerated in the most recent official state census conducted by the state secretary or in the most recent official federal census, adjusted by the commission to conform as nearly as possible to the same definitions as used in such state census.

If upon any date of distribution the amount available for distribution under this section is insufficient to make the full distributions required by this section, the following formula shall be used:

$$\text{Amount otherwise due (for each city \& town)} \times \left[\frac{\text{amount available for distribution}}{\text{total amount otherwise due all cities and towns}}\right]$$

If upon any date of distribution the amount available for distribution under this section exceeds the amount necessary to make the full distributions required by this section, the following formula shall be used:

$$\text{Amount otherwise due (each city or town)} \times \left[\frac{\text{amount available for distribution}}{\text{total amount otherwise due cities and towns}}\right]$$

$$\text{Amount otherwise due (each city or town)} + \text{an amount which shall be the total amount available for distribution - total amount required for distribution} \times \frac{\text{amount otherwise due (each city or town)}}{\text{amount otherwise due (cities and towns)}}$$

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Treasurer and Receiver General
Department of Corporation and Taxation
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA
727-2000

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Highway Fund Distribution

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 81, Section 31; St. 1971, Ch. 497; St. 1974, Ch. 492

OBJECTIVES: To provide for reimbursements to cities and towns for costs actually incurred in constructing, maintaining and policing city or town streets.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The mayor of each city and the selectmen of each town shall notify the Commissioner of Public Works in writing of the amount that will be incurred during the fiscal year of such city or town for constructing, maintaining and policing city or town streets or roads. The Commissioner of Public Works shall annually, on or before December first, certify to the State Tax Commission the amounts approved for payment to each city or town under this section.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commissioner of Public Works shall annually notify the State Tax Commission of the amounts apportioned to each city or town under this section; provided, however, that the sum payable to each city or town shall be used solely to reimburse such city or town for the costs actually incurred during the fiscal year of such city or town in constructing, maintaining and policing city or town streets or roads and shall not exceed the amount so incurred by such city or town.

The amount apportioned to each city and town in any calendar year shall be the amount of the "equalizing municipal highway grant" for such city or town multiplied by the number of miles of streets and roads in such city or town. The "equalizing municipal highway grant" for such city or town shall be the total of a basic mileage allowance of four hundred dollars plus an additional road-use allowance of seven dollars per motor vehicle per road mile less an equalizing deduction of ten cents per $1,000 of equalized valuation per mile.

For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meaning:

1. "Streets and roads in such city or town" is the total mileage to the nearest one one-hundredth of a mile, of public ways other than state highway in such city or town as determined by the most recent mileage survey conducted by the Commissioner of Public Works. The commissioner is directed to conduct such a survey annually.

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2. "Motor vehicles per road-mile" is the total number of motor vehicles registered and garaged in such city or town, exclusive of re-issues, as determined annually by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, divided by the total mileage, to the nearest one one-hundredth of a mile, of public ways, other than state highway, in such city or town, as determined by the most recent mileage survey conducted by the Commissioner of Public Works.

3. "Equalized valuation per mile" is the equalized valuation of the aggregate property in such city or town subject to local taxation, as most recently reported by the State Tax Commission to the General Court under the provisions of section ten C of chapter 58, divided by the total mileage, to the nearest one one-hundredth of a mile, or public ways, other than state highway, in such city or town.

4. "Constructing" includes all operations on the travelled way in new locations or where considerable reconstruction is to be undertaken, including resurfacing and other work incidental to the above such as shoulders, side road approaches, roadsides, drainage, structures, sidewalks, traffic control and service facilities, intersection construction, and unusual or disaster operations and professional services, or for such other purposes that the Commissioner of Public Works may specifically authorize.

5. "Maintaining" means all operations on the travelled way including scarifying, reshaping, applying dust palliatives and restoring material losses; patching, mudjacking, joint filling, surface treating, etc. and replacement in kind. Other work includes restoration of erosion controls, reshaping drainage channels and side slopes, mowing, tree trimming, replacing topsoil, sod, shrubs, curbing, gutters, riprap, underdrains, culverts; cleaning and repairing culverts; cleaning, painting and repairing of structures; replacement of rail, floors, stringers and beams of structures; replacement of walls and the repairing of drawbridges; removal of snow and ice and related operations such as sanding, chemical applications, etc.; the erection of snow fences and the opening of inlets clogged with snow and ice; removal of litter from the roadsides and drainage; operation of drawbridges charged to highway traffic; painting, repairing and replacement in kind of signs, guardrail, signals, lighting standards, etc.; maintenance and replacement in kind of rest areas; servicing of and furnishing power and light bulbs for highway lighting and traffic control devices; roadside cleaning operations; operation of roadside areas, towing service, information booths, etc.; or for such other purposes that the Commissioner of Public Works may specifically authorize.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (continued):

6. "Policing" includes all operations on the travelled way by city or town law enforcement officials having to do with the direction or control of traffic and such other purposes as the Commissioner of Public Works may specifically authorize.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Public Works
100 Nashua Street
Boston, MA 02114

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Urban Redevelopment Corporation Excise Distribution

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121A, Section 6 and 10

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement to cities and towns for statutory periods of exemption from local taxation by an Urban Redevelopment Corporation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Whenever the Department of Community Affairs is asked by an Urban Redevelopment Corporation under MGL Chapter 121A to approve a project, the Department of Community Affairs shall transmit the application to the mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town in which the proposed project is to be located. The mayor or the selectmen, as the case may be, shall transmit the application to the planning board and, in a city, the city council. If, in any town, there is no planning board, the selectmen shall act as the planning board.

In a town a public hearing shall be held before the planning board and the city council jointly, within 45 days after the transmittal of the application by the mayor or selectmen.

The planning board and, where applicable, the city council shall approve, disapprove with recommended modification or disapprove the application and issue its report.

In a city, the report of the planning board shall be transmitted to the city council within 45 days after the public hearing and the city council shall after receipt of the report of the planning board and within 90 days of the public hearing, transmit its report to the mayor. In a town, the planning board shall transmit its report to the board of selectmen within 90 days after the public hearing.

The Department of Community Affairs shall issue a certificate of approval if it receives evidence of approval from a mayor and city council in a city or from the selectmen and planning board in a town. In the case of disapproval, the Department of Community Affairs shall state its objections and may suggest changes. If the changes are adopted by the Urban Redevelopment Corporation, the applicant shall amend the application and resubmit the application to the Department of Community Affairs for its approval. In such case, the Department of Community Affairs shall transmit the amended application to the mayor of the city or selectmen of the town and the provisions as enumerated above with respect to an original application shall apply.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: During the period of fifteen (15) years after the organization of an urban redevelopment corporation, such corporation shall pay in each calendar year to the Commonwealth, an excise equal to the sum of the following:

a. an amount equal to five percent of gross income from all sources of the preceding calendar year.

b. an amount equal to ten (10) dollars per thousand of valuation determined to be the fair cash value as of January 1, in the year in which the excise becomes payable of all real and tangible personal property of the corporation.

Each city and town is entitled to receive from the Commonwealth the proceeds of the Urban Redevelopment Corporation excise paid on projects within its boundaries.

The 15 year period of exemption from taxation may be extended for an additional period of time not to exceed, including the original 15 year period, in the aggregate forty (40) years.

The granting of any extension shall be based upon the amenities established and in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the housing board from time to time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3264

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Highway and Transit Development - Financial Assistance to Cities and Towns

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 1140, Section 22 Acts of 1973
Chapter 825, Sections 3, 9 Acts of 1974
Chapter 684, Section 2 Acts of 1975

OBJECTIVES: To provide a local aid transportation authorization to assist highway and transit development in non-MBTA communities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The state tax commission shall certify to the state treasurer the sum of $18,469, 803 to be apportioned in FY 78 among the following cities and towns in the amounts indicated:

Abington	$ 54,236.22	Bridgewater	$ 64,614.03
Acton	77,282.84	Brimfield	34,435.85
Acushnet	43,992.87	Brockton	387,038.48
Adams	60,305.39	Brookfield	23,999.66
Agawam	109,398.14	Buckland	23,325.88
Alford	9,554.80	Carlisle	28,058.59
Amesbury	63,535.39	Carver	35,315.75
Amherst	91,662.65	Charlemont	21,105.07
Andover	161,421.68	Charlton	62,160.50
Ashburnham	42,646.79	Chatham	37,668.06
Ashby	30,394.66	Chelmsford	148,671.59
Ashfield	36,145.42	Cheshire	26,420.69
Athol	88,476.29	Chester	27,872.42
Attleboro	241,344.96	Chesterfield	26,522.64
Auburn	78,337.83	Chicopee	306,636.46
Avon	30,251.33	Chilmark	7,611.04
Ayer	33,442.91	Clarksburg	10,615.70
Barnstable	195,680.21	Clinton	76,387.42
Barre	57,775.09	Colrain	43,930.81
Becket	29,926.99	Conway	30,477.40
Belchertown	61,734.96	Cummington	25,296.98
Bellingham	71,771.41	Dalton	34,928.62
Berkley	25,274.08	Dartmouth	118,617.53
Berlin	22,821.29	Deerfield	46,958.38
Bernardston	22,167.46	Dennis	72,889.98
Billerica	149.663.79	Dighton	49,438.50
Blackstone	29,894.49	Douglas	41,551.90
Blandford	32,760.27	Dracut	88,316.71
Bolton	31,522.05	Dudley	52,162.43
Bourne	67,786.40	Dunstable	19,205.64
Boxborough	13,148.28	East Bridgewater	47,868.57
Boxford	39,968.66	East Brookfield	13,620.37
Boylston	22,320.39	East Longmeadow	76,166.52
Brewster	24,514.60	Eastham	22,236.17

Easthampton	$ 74,140.02	Lawrence	$329,293.73
Easton	61,967.68	Lee	47,336.64
Edgartown	25,041.37	Leicester	55,209.94
Egremont	20,383.27	Lenox	40,024.81
Erving	19,128.81	Leominster	186,741.56
Essex	17,759.08	Leverett	17,590.64
Fairhaven	75,138.12	Leyden	17,835.92
Fall River	484,396.52	Littleton	42,546.31
Falmouth	127,463.82	Longmeadow	72,412.72
Fitchburg	257,214.95	Lowell	445,556.73
Florida	19,689.55	Ludlow	83,629.80
Foxborough	81,765.83	Lunenburg	48,321.45
Franklin	83,620.93	Mansfield	59,178.00
Freetown	41,345.77	Marion	22,942.45
Gardner	115,892.86	Marlborough	125,458.00
Gay Head	4,283.52	Mashpee	22,682.40
Georgetown	31,655.03	Mattapoisett	27,399.59
Gill	17,781.25	Medway	41,953.80
Gloucester	143,505.22	Mendon	21,987.19
Goshen	15,948.31	Merrimac	23,298.56
Gosnold	1,118.53	Methuen	144,842.43
Grafton	69,668.85	Middleborough	109,301.36
Granby	36,486.00	Middlefield	18,035.39
Granville	33,417.04	Milford	87,272.06
Great Barrington	61,415.80	Millbury	62,675.44
Greenfield	115,434.07	Millville	12,075.56
Groton	53,164.97	Monroe	9,158.81
Groveland	28,016.47	Monson	65,543.43
Hadley	37,993.30	Montague	66,247.50
Halifax	28,176.79	Monterey	26,148.08
Hampden	32,069.50	Montgomery	14,897.00
Hancock	13,274.62	Mount Washington	8,278.90
Hanson	39,187.02	Nantucket	80,160.43
Hardwick	47,704.56	New Ashford	5,693.87
Harvard	49,494.65	New Bedford	534,683.89
Harwich	58,947.49	New Braintree	24,193.24
Hatfield	33,116.37	New Marlborough	42,924.57
Haverhill	244,012.73	New Salem	18,733.55
Hawley	22,468.15	Newbury	27,754.20
Heath	25,917.57	Newburyport	72,188.87
Hinsdale	22,126.09	North Adams	109,613.13
Holden	74,112.68	North Andover	145,873.05
Holland	19,278.04	North Attleborough	96,382.84
Holliston	59,179.47	North Brookfield	46,009.03
Holyoke	263,496.90	Northampton	155,771.39
Hopedale	32,666.44	Northborough	49,422.25
Hopkinton	57,412.28	Northbridge	47,893.69
Hubbardston	37,214.45	Northfield	35,875.02
Hudson	78,724.96	Norton	54,941.76
Huntington	19,672.56	Oak Bluffs	19,211.55
Ipswich	61,011.68	Oakham	23,724.83
Kingston	35,290.63	Orange	57,427.80
Lakeville	34,477.96	Orleans	32,035.51
Lancaster	37,017.93	Otis	21,803.23
Lanesborough	27,078.21	Oxford	56,694.92

Palmer	$ 83,702.94	Swansea	$ 64,220.25
Paxton	22,861.18	Taunton	217,366.72
Pelham	12,023.10	Templeton	50,006.63
Pepperell	47,660.23	Tewksbury	103,984.27
Peru	17,218.29	Tisbury	19,445.01
Petersham	32,905.81	Tolland	18,110.75
Phillipston	21,826.14	Townsend	41,455.11
Pittsfield	337,599.98	Truro	18,647.11
Plainfield	22,171.15	Tyngsborough	30,591.90
Plainville	36,212.64	Tyringham	13,043.38
Plymouth	133,011.41	Upton	35,573.58
Plympton	17,252.27	Uxbridge	57,608.05
Princeton	37,648.12	Wales	12,394.72
Provincetown	17,402.99	Ware	66,599.16
Raynham	41,825.99	Wareham	75,128.52
Rehoboth	67,130.36	Warren	45,627.81
Richmond	20,109.18	Warwick	29,287.20
Rochester	27,947.04	Washington	21,208.51
Rockport	29,749.68	Webster	84,000.67
Rowe	18,159.51	Wellfleet	22,420.12
Rowley	21,905.93	Wendell	28,036.42
Royalston	33,275.95	West Boylston	36,599.77
Russell	13,699.42	West Bridgewater	38,784.38
Rutland	41,722.56	West Brookfield	31,960.90
Salisbury	26,426.59	West Newbury	22,474.06
Sandisfield	40,908.41	West Springfield	155,888.12
Sandwich	45,460.11	West Stockbridge	19,631.92
Savoy	23,975.28	West Tisbury	7,823.81
Seekonk	64,735.93	Westborough	73,679.01
Sheffield	45,848.71	Westfield	188,649.86
Shelburne	29,369.94	Westford	72,197.73
Shirley	32,758.05	Westhampton	20,513.30
Shrewsbury	92,534.47	Westminster	52,490.45
Shutesbury	18,946.32	Westport	69,461.24
Somerset	74,892.84	Whately	19,501.90
South Hadley	76,137.71	Whitman	58,914.25
Southampton	33,397.85	Wilbraham	66,145.55
Southborough	41,183.98	Williamsburg	23,689.37
Southbridge	112,348.14	Williamstown	48,319.23
Southwick	45,162.37	Wincherdon	63,214.76
Spencer	63,469.64	Windsor	32,662.01
Springfield	863,752.30	Worcester	921.969.13
Sterling	45,307.91	Worthington	28,697.64
Stockbridge	25,098.25	Wrentham	44,926.70
Stoughton	101,606.10	Yarmouth	98,970.83
Stow	30,108.00		
Sturbridge	55,612.59		
Sunderland	20,129.87		
Sutton	47,520.60		

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The above amounts shall be paid by the commonwealth from the General Fund and shall be included by the state tax commission in FY 78 estimates to be forwarded to such cities and towns under the provisions of Section 25A of Chapter 58 of the Massachusetts General Law's and the amounts so indicated shall be included by the assessors in estimated receipts in determining the rate of taxation to be levied upon taxable property in each city and town.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Public Works
State Aid - Cities and Towns
100 Nashua Street
Boston, MA
727-4775

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Marine Fisheries

PROGRAM TITLE: Suppression of Enemies of Shellfish

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 130, Section 20

OBJECTIVES: To assist and cooperate with coastal cities and towns for the purpose of increasing the supply of shellfish and exterminating its enemies.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The program must contribute to increasing the supply of shellfish and exterminating its enemies. Expenditures shall be made in such manner as the director of the Division of Marine Fisheries may determine and in accordance with rules and regulations which he shall make and enforce.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The expenditure of any funds so appropriated shall be apportioned by the director among coastal cities and towns in amounts as will, in his opinion, effect the greatest amount of relief and assistance to the shellfish industry. No money shall be expended in any city or town unless, within one year prior to the date of an expenditure, such city or town shall have expended an amount equal to at least one-fourth of the total cost of such work, or shall have contributed services or material of a value, as determined by the director, equal to such proportion.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Division of Marine Fisheries
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3193

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Housing for Displaced Persons

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121B, Section 37

OBJECTIVES: To avoid making persons or families homeless as the result of the demolition of dwelling units acquired for the purposes of an urban renewal or any other public improvement project.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Community Affairs, may enter into a contract with a housing authority, or if an urban renewal agency exists within a city or town, with such authority upon the request of the urban renewal agency for state financial assistance in the form of a guarantee by the Commonwealth of notes and bonds issued to finance the cost of a relocation project or projects.

Each such contract shall contain such limitations on the development cost of the project and administrative and maintenance costs as the Department of Community Affairs may require.

When the Department decides that a housing shortage has been remedied in a certain area, it may give its approval for the sale of the relocation project at its fair market value. The proceeds from this sale must be applied to any outstanding obligations. Any surplus will be paid to the city or town in which the project is located. The sale price may never be less than the total amount of outstanding obligations on the project.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commonwealth, through the Department of Community Affairs, may contract to guarantee the notes and bonds which a local housing authority has issued for the purpose of financing the cost of a relocation project or projects. Such guarantee shall not exceed $25 million in the aggregate or the actual cost of the construction of 2,000 housing units, depending upon which amount is less.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3264

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Housing for the Elderly

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121B, Section 41

OBJECTIVES: To assist communities in financing housing projects for the elderly.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Community Affairs, may enter into a contract or contracts with a housing authority for state financial assistance in the form of a guarantee by the Commonwealth of bonds or notes of the housing authority that are issued to finance the cost of a project or projects. Such project(s) will: 1. provide housing for the elderly persons of low income; 2. make such buildings accessible to the physically handicapped and 3. provide housing for low income handicapped persons or low income families with one or more handicapped member, including persons whose mobility, flexibility, coordination and perceptiveness are significantly reduced by aging.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Each contract for financial assistance shall provide that the Commonwealth shall pay to the housing authority annual contributions. Each annual contribution shall be paid upon approval and certification by the Department of Community Affairs to the Comptroller.

The amount of bonds or notes guaranteed by the Commonwealth under (1) shall not exceed $560 million. The total amount of annual contribution contracted for the Commonwealth for any one year shall not exceed $44.8 million.

The amount of bonds or notes guaranteed by the Commonwealth under (2) shall not exceed $10 million in the aggregate, or the actual cost of providing 500 units, whichever amount is the lesser. The total amount of the annual contribution for any one year shall not exceed $800,000, or 8 percent of the aggregate amount guaranteed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
Community Development Division
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3264

SECTION II

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs/Division of Community Development

PROGRAM TITLE: Rehabilitation of Dwellings

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121B, Section 58-59

OBJECTIVES: To finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of dwellings within the limits of an urban renewal project area.

ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Community Affairs, may enter into a contract with an operating agency (a housing or redevelopment authority) having powers under Chapter 121B, Section 59 to guarantee bonds or notes issued by such agency for the purpose of acquiring or rehabilitating dwellings within the limits of an urban renewal project area.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The guarantee of the Commonwealth of such notes and bonds of an operating agency shall be executed on each note and bond by the commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs. The amount of notes and bonds guaranteed by the Commonwealth shall not exceed $20 million.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
Community Development Division
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-7130

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Rental Assistance for Families of Low Income

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 121B, Sections 42-44

OBJECTIVES: To help end the undesirable concentration and segregation of families of low income, and handicapped persons of low income or families of low income of which one or more persons is handicapped, in separate, concentrated areas of a community.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A housing authority may rent or lease dwelling units for periods of not less than one nor more than five years. The number of units leased by any housing authority in any one building or development shall not exceed the following limits:

a. In a building or development containing 1-12 units, no limit
b. In a building or development containing 13-30 units, 12 units
c. In a building or development containing 31 or more units, 40 percent of the total units, rounded up to the next highest whole number.

The Department of Community Affairs may, however, in its discretion permit a housing authority to lease additional units in a building or development containing more than 20 units but less than 100 units if the Department of Community Affairs determines that the owner of said buildings or development needs and will use the proceeds from said lease for the sole purpose of improving the building or development.

Preference shall be given in the selection of tenants to the following types of applicants:

(a) Families with 4 or more minor dependents.
(b) Families displaced by public action.
(c) Elderly persons of low income.
(d) Handicapped persons of low income or families of low income of which one or more persons is handicapped.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Funds appropriated for the rental assistance program shall be allocated within the following limits:

a. Cities with over 500,000 population, a sum not in excess of 50 percent of funds available.
b. Cities and towns with between 100,000 and 500,000 population, not in excess of 20 percent of funds available.
c. Cities and towns under 100,000 population not in excess of 10 percent of funds available.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (continued):

The Department of Community Affairs shall allocate funds on the basis of applications from housing authorities and may make advances of funds to a local housing authority in such amount not to exceed $5,000 in each calendar year for purposes of negotiating leases for the rental assistance program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-3264

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Assistance for Veterans Housing Projects

AUTHORIZATION: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121B, Section 34

OBJECTIVES: To provide certain financial assistance for housing projects for veterans.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Commonwealth through the Department of Community Affairs may enter into a contract with a housing authority for state financial assistance in the form of a guarantee by the Commonwealth of notes and bonds or both of the housing authority issued to finance the cost of a housing project and annual contributions by the commonwealth. Each contract shall contain such limitations as to the development cost of the project and administrative and maintenance costs, and any other provisions the Department of Community Affairs may require. Each project shall be based upon a separate application made to the Department of Community Affairs and shall be planned to conform, as nearly as possible, to the existing published requirements of the federal government for low rent or other housing projects, except such requirements as are based upon the cost limitations required in federal legislation.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Each contract for state financial assistance shall provide that the Commonwealth will pay to the housing authority annual contributions, provided that the total amount of such contributions contracted for by the commonwealth for any one year shall not exceed $4,600,000.

Each such annual contribution by the commonwealth to the housing authorities shall be paid by the commonwealth upon approval and certification by the Department of Community Affairs to the state comptroller.

The annual contributions, to be used for the payment of interest and principal of notes or bonds of the housing authority, shall be payable in an amount not exceeding eight per cent of the cost of the project and for the fixed period during which the notes or bonds remain outstanding, but in no event for more than 40 years after the completion of the project, as determined by the Department of Community Affairs.

Each contract shall provide that whenever in any year the receipts of a housing authority in connection with a project exceed its expenditures for that project, including debt service, payments in lieu of taxes, administration, establishment of reserves and other costs, an amount equal to such excess or,

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (Cont.):

in the case of projects financed with supplementary state financial assistance (MGL Chapter 121B, Section 35 - no federal assistance nor contributions), an amount equal to such portion of the excess as the Department of Community Affairs shall prescribe, shall be applied, or set aside for application, to purposes which shall effect a reduction in the amount of subsequent annual contributions. The full faith and credit of the Commonwealth is pledged to the payment of all contributions contracted for by the commonwealth.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-7130

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Housing Authorities for Certain Operating Deficits

AUTHORIZATION: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121B, Sections 5-32/34-37

OBJECTIVES: To provide decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations at the lowest possible cost.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A housing authority shall fix the rentals for dwelling units in its projects so that no tenant is required to pay a rental of more than twenty-five percent of his or her income if utilities are provided by the authority, or twenty percent of income if utilities are not provided.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Any deficiency in the budget of a housing authority caused by a reduced rental shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth and paid to the housing authority in an amount equal to the difference between the tenant's rent and the prorated cost of operating that unit. The prorated cost of operations shall be computed on the basis of the operating budget of the housing authority as approved by the Department of Community Affairs with provisions for a full operating reserve.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA
727-7130

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Department of Community Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Housing Authorities for Certain Reduced Rentals

AUTHORIZATION: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121B, Section 40

OBJECTIVES: To provide reimbursement to housing authorities for reduced rentals to elderly persons of low income.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Rents for dwelling units in projects or parts of projects constructed for elderly persons of low income shall be computed as provided in Section 32 of Chapter 121B provided that in the case of persons receiving old age assistance under Chapter 118A, directly or indirectly in whole or in part, from the Commonwealth, no elderly person of low income or handicapped person of low income, shall be required to pay more than twenty percent of his or her income without utilities or twenty-five percent with utilities for rent for dwelling units in projects or parts of projects constructed or leased or purchased under Chapter 121B.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Any deficiency in the budget of a housing authority caused by a reduced rental shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth and paid to the Housing Authority in an amount equal to the difference between the tenant's rent and prorated cost of operating that unit.

The prorated cost of operations shall be computed by the Department of Community Affairs for a full operating reserve.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Community Affairs
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA
727-7130

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency

PROGRAM TITLE: Multi-family Project Financing Program

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 708 Acts of 1966

OBJECTIVES: To provide well planned and well designed socio-economically integrated housing in new and rehabilitated projects by utilizing a combination of federal and state subsidy programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Construction and permanent financing is available to individuals, joint ventures, partnerships, and other developers, both limited profit and non-profit. Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency Mortgages cover 90 percent of project costs for limited profit developers with a six percent limited dividend provision, and 100 percent for non-profit sponsors. State law requires that at least 25 percent of the units in each MHFA project be reserved for low income households. For initial occupancy of market rate units, the annual income of a tenant cannot exceed six times the annual rental. If household income subsequently exceeds seven times the annual rent, the rent will be increased accordingly. Occupany of subsidized units is subject to rules and regulations of Housing and Urban Development and the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Basic financing is provided through the sale of tax exempt bonds and notes by MHFA which make possible a below market interest rate mortgage loan.

The following mortgage financing and rental subsidy programs are used:

1. Below market interest rate construction and permanent mortgage financing from the sale of MHFA tax exempt bonds and notes.

2. Interest reduction to a level of one percent applied toward certain units in each development. Such funds are available through the federal Section 236 program and the Massachusetts Section 13A interest subsidy program administered through the Department of Community Affairs.

3. Rental subsidies applied toward certain units in each development through the federal Section 101 rent supplement program, the federal Section 23 leasing program, and the Massachusetts Section 707 rental assistance program, administered through the Department of Community Affairs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (continued):

4. Section 8 housing assistance payments applied toward certain units in each development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency
Old City Hall
45 School Street
Boston, MA 02108
723-9770

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Communities and Development

AGENCY: Massachusetts Home Mortgage Finance Agency (MHMFA)

PROGRAM TITLE: Neighborhood Preservation through Housing Rehabilitation

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 846 Acts of 1974

OBJECTIVES: To provide low interest residential mortgages for the construction, rehabilitation, or purchase of homes for low and moderate income families or persons.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Not yet determined.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Not yet funded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency
Old City Hall
45 School Street
Boston, MA 02108
723-9770

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Educational Television Programs

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Section 13F

OBJECTIVES: To develop a study in elementary and high schools which may include instruction by means of educational programs broadcast through the facilities of television stations.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The cost of such programs may be shared by cities and towns within viewing range of such television stations. The school committee of each such city and may include within its budget such funds not to exceed one dollar per pupil enrolled in public elementary and high schools in such city and town, for the payment thereof as it may deem advisable.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The State Treasurer shall annually on or before November 20, reimburse each city or town which has shared the cost of such programs a sum equal to 50 percent of the total share paid by the municipality. A written agreement of each city or town must be evidenced with the executive committee for educational television. The Board of Education, with the advice of the commissioner, shall appoint a committee to coordinate and administer such programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Education Television Program
54 Rindge Avenue, Extension
Cambridge, MA 02140
876-9800

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of School Management Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Regional School Transportation

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Section 16C

OBJECTIVES: To help defray the costs of transporting pupils to regional schools.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Regional school districts who transport pupils once daily to and from school, provided that the pupils live at least 1 1/2 miles from school, are eligible. The cost of transporting private pupils must not exceed that of public school pupils, and private pupils must not be transported outside the regional district unless public pupils are so transported.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Subject to appropriation, 100 percent of the cost of transportation eligible for reimbursement shall be paid. Reimbursement shall be based on the prior year's expenditures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of School Management Service
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5790

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education/Division of State and Federal Assistance

PROGRAM TITLE: Aid for Regional School Construction

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Section 16D St. 1975 C436,s9

OBJECTIVES: To facilitate the planning and construction of school buildings, to promote the establishment of consolidated and regional schools, and to assist municipalities in meeting the costs of their educational responsibilities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A regional school district shall be entitled to receive state aid for construction of regional schools. Each city or town in a regional school district shall continue to receive such state aid for educational purposes as it would be entitled to receive if such district had not been formed.

In addition, the State Treasurer shall, upon certification by the Commissioner of Education annually, pay to each regional school district an amount computed as follows:

1. Seventy percent multiplied by the product of the regional school aid percentage multiplied by the regional reimbursable expenditures of the regional school district, for such districts which include grades kindergarten through twelve, or

2. fifty percent multiplied by the product of the regional school aid percentage multiplied by the regional reimbursable expenditures of the regional school district, for all other regional school districts.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The receipt of the regional school aid shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. The formation of new regional school districts and the expansion of currently existing regional school districts shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of education.

2. No regional school aid shall be paid prior to the date of award of a contract for the construction of a regional school by the regional district school committee.

3. In the case of regional school districts formed for administrative purposes only, no regional school aid shall be paid prior to the date in which the regional school district has assumed jurisdiction over the pupils in the district and the commissioner

of education has made a determination that member cities and towns have provided sufficient and adequate school facilities for each grade level included in the regional school district.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education/Division of State and Federal Assistance
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5792

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Office of Local Aid

PROGRAM TITLE: Regional School Aid

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71, Section 16D

OBJECTIVES: Encouragement of establishment and maintenance of regional school districts.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any regional school district may be reimbursed for regular educational costs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Subject to appropriation, regional school aid shall be paid annually, based on the second prior year's expenditures. The aid percentage will vary between 15 percent and 70 percent, depending on local wealth. In addition, the local per pupil cost must be within 80 percent and 110 percent of the state average.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Office of Local Aid
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8477

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Education/Division of Special Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Recreation Programs for School Age Children With Special Needs

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 71B, Section 11

OBJECTIVES: To establish recreation programs for school age children with special needs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Division of Special Education is authorized by the Department of Education to cooperate with cities and towns in directing and approving recreational programs for school age children with special needs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department of Education shall reimburse cities and towns for one half the cost thereof, including transportation to and from the site of such program on each day the program is held. The Department of Education shall also fully reimburse a city or town in which their children are residents for the cost of transportation to and from recreation programs at any state facility where recreation programs are approved by the Department of Education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Education
Division of Special Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5770

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: County Reimbursement

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 74, Section 11

OBJECTIVES: The maintenance of approved county vocational schools.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The counties of Bristol, Essex and Norfolk shall be eligible for aid as long as their respective schools are approved.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Subject to appropriation, the Board of Education shall reimburse the counties for 50 percent of the net maintenance cost of their schools. Reimbursement shall be based on the prior year's expenditures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Instructors' Salary Reimbursement

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 74, Section 12

OBJECTIVES: The maintenance of agricultural departments in high schools.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any city, town, regional school district or independent agricultural school which maintains approved agricultural departments.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Subject to appropriation, the Board of Education shall reimburse two-thirds the cost of agricultural instructors' salaries. Reimbursement shall be based on the prior year's expenses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: School Breakfast Program

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 79-396

OBJECTIVES: To improve children's nutrition by serving breakfasts in schools.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving breakfasts to school children.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Applicants are paid funds monthly after submission of documented expenditures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Community School Lunch Program

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 79-396

OBJECTIVES: To improve children's nutrition and diets.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving meals to school children.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Applicants receive funding through the year after submission of expenditure documentation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: School Lunch-Special Assistance

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 79-396

OBJECTIVES: To assure access to school lunch programs by children from low-income families.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving low-income children.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Applicants are paid funds monthly following submission of claims.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Special Milk Program

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 79-396

OBJECTIVES: To encourage the consumption of milk by children.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving milk to school children.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Monthly reimbursements are paid to approved applicants following submission of claims.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Special Summer Food Service Program for Children

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 90-302

OBJECTIVES: To maintain non-profit, summer food programs in agencies serving areas with poor economic conditions and concentration of working mothers.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving summer meals to children in the areas targeted by the program objective.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Expenditure is limited to meals for children only. Maintenance of effort is required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Adult Basic Education

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 89-750

OBJECTIVES: To expand educational opportunities for adults and encourage adult programs to the 12th grade level.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving adults 16 years or older who do not possess a certificate of high school completion and adults lacking basic English language skills.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Funds may be used for administration, instruction, rental of classrooms and staff development. Local matching and maintenance of effort is required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5788

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Library Extension

PROGRAM TITLE: Library Services

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 91-600

OBJECTIVES: To improve library services in areas with: 1) inadequate services; 2) low-income families; 3) persons of limited English-speaking abilities; and to extend library services to the physically handicapped and to residents of state institutions.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Public libraries serving areas targeted by the program objectives.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Local maintenance of effort is required and local matching of funds is encouraged. Funds may not be used for construction.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Library Extension
648 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02215
267-9400

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Library Extension

PROGRAM TITLE: Inter-Library Cooperation

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 91-600

OBJECTIVES: To establish library networks and to coordinate resource sharing in all types of libraries.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Public and other libraries that are members of cooperatives. Funds may not be used to purchase library materials.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Awards will be based on applicants' ability to carry out program and state program priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Library Extension
648 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02215
267-9400

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Educationally Deprived Children - Special Incentive Grants

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 89-10

OBJECTIVES: Services to children with greatest educational need in towns which have experienced an influx of children living in low-income housing.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies with "target schools" which have a high percentage of educationally deprived children. The agencies must demonstrate a fiscal effort at least as high as the state average fiscal effort of the previous year.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Funds may be used only for programs in "target schools" and applications will be judged on local fiscal measures, number of children served and applicants' past performance in conducting such programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5745

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Children of Migratory Workers

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 89-750

OBJECTIVES: Identification of eligible migrant children; assessment of their educational needs; provision of services to meet those needs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies with enrollments of school children who have moved with a parent or guardian in search of fishing or agricultural employment within the past five years.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Local maintenance of effort is required. Awards of grants will depend on number of children to be served by each proposal and local need.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5745

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Educationally Deprived Children

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 89-10

OBJECTIVES: Supplementary aid in reading, mathematics or other language arts to children with greatest educational need.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies with "target schools," i.e., a school with a high proportion of low-income children in attendance.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Demonstrated fiscal need of applicant and number of children served will be the funding criteria.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5750

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Bureau of Nutrition Education and School Food Services

PROGRAM TITLE: School Lunch - Non-Food Assistance Program

AUTHORIZATION: Child Nutrition Act and National School Lunch Act

OBJECTIVES: To provide equipment to school food service programs in economically sub-standard areas.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies with fiscal need and located in areas of substantial unemployment may apply for funding for acquisition of buildings and equipment for the storage, preparation, transportation and serving of food.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Twenty-five percent matching of funds by local school district is required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Bureau of Nutrition Education and
School Food Services
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5764

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Smith Hughes and Barden Acts

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 90-576, Parts B, C, D, F, G

OBJECTIVES: Support of vocational education programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies and others which provide vocational education programs for adults, consumer and home-making education programs, cooperative work-study programs, vocational education research, programs for the disadvantaged or those with special needs, work-study programs for the latter students and model programs for vocational education.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Funding of approved programs submitted to the Department of Education is limited to the state's total allotment from the federal government and may require local maintenance of effort or matching funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Educational Innovation and Support

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 93-380, Part C

OBJECTIVES: To encourage innovation, health and nutrition education and drop-out prevention.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies may apply for funds. Fifteen percent of the program funding must be earmarked for services to handicapped programs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Regular classroom teacher salaries may not be paid from grants. Funding approval will depend on local needs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5750

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Curriculum and Instruction

PROGRAM TITLE: Library and Learning Resources

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 93-380, Part B

OBJECTIVES: Acquisition of library resources and instructional equipment and the improvement of guidance programs.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies are eligible for 60 percent of the funds on the basis of high per-pupil costs and high local tax efforts.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Local maintenance of effort is required for funding of proposals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Curriculum and Instruction
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5750

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Special Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Training Teachers for the Handicapped

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 91-230

OBJECTIVES: To provide training for teachers and school personnel in the education of the handicapped.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local education agencies providing training to persons to work in education for the handicapped.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Total available funding is limited and applications for funding will be judged according to the school district's ability to carry out the program and number of pupils served.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Special Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5876

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Special Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Children in Schools for Handicapped

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 89-313

OBJECTIVES: To initiate and expand services to handicapped children in state supported or state operated programs and to children who have left such programs and returned to local public schools since 1972.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies who are providing services to eligible pupils may make application for funding.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Funding is limited to direct services to children and is not available for construction, transportation, equipment installation and the salaries of regular classroom teachers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Special Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5876

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Special Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Handicapped Pre-School and School Programs

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 93-380, Title VI-B

OBJECTIVES: To initiate or expand programs in public schools to meet the needs of handicapped children.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local educational agencies serving handicapped school children may receive funding for one year for new special programs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Funding is contingent on approval of local proposal and is limited to one year. Maintenance of effort is required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Special Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-5876

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: Career Educational Process for the Handicapped

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 90-576, Part D, Section 142(c)

OBJECTIVES: Vocational training for the handicapped.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Local education agencies may apply for funding of special needs vocational training programs.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department of Education encourages local matching of funds and requires local maintenance of effort.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Occupational Education

PROGRAM TITLE: CETA

AUTHORIZATION: P.L. 93-203

OBJECTIVES: Job training and employment opportunities for the unemployed, underemployed and economically disadvantaged.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Cities and towns designated by the U.S. Department of Labor as "prime sponsors" are eligible to apply for total allocations determined by the Governor.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Program funding is received by prime sponsors after proposal approval by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Board of Education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Occupational Education
182 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111
727-8140

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Educational Affairs

AGENCY: Council on the Arts and Humanities

PROGRAM TITLE: Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations

AUTHORIZATION: M.G.L. Chapter 15, Sections 40-45

OBJECTIVES: To stimulate and encourage the practice, study and appreciation of the arts and humanities in the public interest throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Financial assistance is available to non-profit, professionally directed Massachusetts cultural organizations for programs that directly or indirectly provide services to the public. All organizations must be incorporated under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws effective July 1, 1975 and must have received official notification from the Internal Revenue Service by February 27, 1976 that the organization is a tax-exempt entity. The program is open to museums, historical societies and associations, libraries and other public institutions. Applications are reviewed by the Council, staff and advisory panels of experts using the following criteria:

1) appropriate use for public funds
2) artistic and humanistic excellence
3) extent and quality of services provided to the public
4) financial need
5) community involvement and support
6) the organization's ability to carry out the proposed program
7) fiscal responsibility and sound management
8) efforts to increase earned income, contributions and grants.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: All financial assistance is awarded under written contract for services rendered, and funds are provided on a reimbursement basis only. No funds can be paid in advance. Financial assistance provides only a portion of the costs of any programs funded. Most organizations are asked to match Council funds on at least a dollar for dollar basis. Except in unusual cases, classes will not be considered for funding. There is no financial assistance for deficit financing, capital improvements or construction, purchase of permanent equipment, or basic expenses such as rent. Essentially the program provides assistance on a dollar for dollar matching basis for professional restoration or preservation of objects of artistic or historic significance (paintings, drawings, prints, decorative arts, manuscripts, documents, maps, rare books, etc.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Council on the Arts and Humanities
1 Ashburton Place
Boston, Massachusetts 02108
727-3668

DEPARTMENT: Department of Elder Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Elder Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: State Council on Aging Grants

AUTHORIZATION: MGL, Chapter 19A 4(n)

OBJECTIVES: To encourage the formation of municipal Councils on Aging and the expansion of services provided by existing Councils.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: At the discretion of the Department, grants are available to municipal councils on Aging. Local funds must be appropriated to equal the amount requested from the agency.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Municipal councils on aging, with the approval of the chief elected official or the designated chief administrative officer of the community, may file an application for a grant. If the application is approved and the grant awarded, the council, with the approval of the chief elected official or the designated chief administrative officer of the community, must accept any grant conditions imposed by the Department.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Elder Affairs
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
727-7009

DEPARTMENT: Department of Elder Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Elder Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Elder Service Corps

AUTHORIZATION: MGL, Chapter 19A, Section 13

OBJECTIVES: To provide older persons with a stipend to meet the expenses incurred in the performance of volunteer services to elders.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: People 60 years of age and over may enroll as part-time (minimum of 18 hours per week) or full-time (maximum of 37 1/2 hours per week) volunteers. Enrollees are assigned volunteer tasks in approved public or private non-profit human service organizations. Potential host agencies may apply for the assignment of an enrollee. Enrollees and host organizations must meet all program requirements.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Part-time enrollees receive a stipend of $100.00 per month paid semi-monthly. Full-time enrollees receive a stipend of $200.00 per month paid semi-monthly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Elder Affairs
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
727-7009

DEPARTMENT: Department of Elder Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Elder Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Title VII Nutrition Program

AUTHORIZATION: Older Americans Act of 1965 as Amended -- PL89-73, PL90-42, PL91-69, PL92-258, PL93-29, PL93-351 - Title VII

OBJECTIVES: To assist in meeting the nutritional and social needs of persons age 60 and over.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Project grants may be awarded to public or private non-profit organizations that submit application forms supplied by the Department. No more than 20 percent of the total project costs may be expended for project activities other than meals.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Grantees are required to provide a minimum of 20 percent of the total cost of the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Elder Affairs
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
727-8005

DEPARTMENT: Department of Elder Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Elder Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Area Planning and Social Services Programs

AUTHORIZATION: Older Americans Act of 1965 as Amended -- PL89-73, PL90-42, PL91-69, PL92-258, PL93-29, PL93-351 - Title III

OBJECTIVES: To encourage and assist inter-agency coordination for the development and expansion of comprehensive service systems for older persons.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Upon designation as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the applicant agency must submit an Area Plan for Services to Elderly to the Department. Upon approval of its plan, the AAA has the authority to award grants and/or contracts to local organizations for the provision of direct services to the elderly.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department may award up to 75 percent of the cost of the Area Plan to the AAA. In turn, the AAA may award up to 75 percent of the costs of grants or contracts to local agencies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Elder Affairs
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
727-7009

DEPARTMENT: Department of Elder Affairs

AGENCY: Department of Elder Affairs

PROGRAM TITLE: Title IVA Education Grants

AUTHORIZATION: Older American Act of 1965 as Amended -- PL89-73, PL90-42, PL91-69, PL92-258, PL93-29, PL93-351 - Title IV A

OBJECTIVES: To meet the agency-related training needs identified at both the state and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) level, and to encourage educational institutions to expand their interests and activities in the field or agency.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Institutions of higher education, primarily state colleges and universities, may apply to the Department of Title IVA grants to develop and implement educational programs for and about elders.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Department may award grants to pay the costs of the project. It is suggested that the grant recipients provide a portion of the total project costs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Elder Affairs
120 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
727-8931

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

AGENCY: Division of Conservation Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Conservation Land

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 132A, Section 11

OBJECTIVES: To encourage the promotion and development of natural resources and to protect the watershed resources of a city or town.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A project application must be filed by a city or town conservation commission setting forth plans and information as the Commissioner may require. Such applications must be approved by him. Said city or town must appropriate or transfer from existing funds or have voted to expend from its conservation fund an amount equal to the total cost of the project. The project must also be completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner in accordance with the approved plans.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commissioner of Natural Resources may, from funds appropriated to carry out the above purposes, reimburse any such city or town for any money expended by it in establishing an approved project under said program in an amount as he shall determine to be equitable in consideration of anticipated benefits from such project, but in no event shall the amount of reimbursement exceed 50 percent of the cost of such project.

Any reimbursement received by a city or town under this section shall be applied to the payment of indebtedness, if any, incurred in acquiring land for such conservation project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Conservation Services
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-7700

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Quality Engineering

AGENCY: Division of Waterways

PROGRAM TITLE: Development and Maintenance of the Harbors, Coastal and Inland Water of the Commonwealth.

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 91

OBJECTIVES: To develop the harbors and related coastal facilities to assure safe recreational and commercial boating. To provide shore protection structures along the coast, on the river banks to stream improvements to provide proper flow in the inland waterways and related drainage systems.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. The municipality petitions for the work at a Rivers and Harbors Hearing, usually held annually, the petitions are publicly heard.

2. Local interests contribute to the total project cost, which includes preliminary and final engineering costs. The local contribution is 50 percent for all projects, except dredging projects for harbor improvements, which are 25 percent locally financed, (MGL Chapter 822 of 1973). Final engineering will not be undertaken until and/or unless local funding has been assured.

3. The municipality executes Indemnity Agreement, releasing the Department from possible damage claims in connection therewith.

4. The municipality obtains, and files with the Department, all takings, easements and rights of entry, required in connection with the proposed project.

5. The municipality files with local conservation commission the Notice of Intent in accordance with the requirements of MGL Chapter 784 of 1972, (Wetlands Protection Act).

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The municipality shall petition the work at Rivers and Harbors Hearing which will be scheduled as needed. The petition shall include a description of the proposed work, a cost estimate and any additional information that will aid the Department in preparing a priority list for the Design and Construction program for the Division.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Division of Waterways
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
727-4797

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Human Services

AGENCY: Department of Public Health/Bureau of Health Services

PROGRAM TITLE: Care of Infants Prematurely Born

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 111, Section 67C

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse local boards of health for expenses incurred for care of certain infants.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Expenses for the care and hospitalization of an infant weighing five pounds or less at birth shall be paid by the parents or guardian or any person bound by law to maintain such infant, if he or they are able to pay. If he or they are unable to pay, such expenses, in accordance with rates established by the Rate Setting Commission under Chapter Six A, shall in the case of such an infant born to an unwed mother be paid by the Commonwealth, subject to notice as hereinafter provided, and in the case of any other such infant by the board of health of the town wherein the mother of such infant resides, subject to notice and reimbursement as hereinafter provided. No payments shall be made by the Commonwealth or by a town for such expenses incurred more than 30 days prior to the receipt by the department or by such board of health of a written notice or a telephone request, confirmed in writing, from the superintendent or other person in charge of such hospital.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The Commonwealth shall reimburse the town wherein the mother resides for one-half of all expenses incurred by such town under this section.

Any payments made hereunder by the Commonwealth or by the town may be recovered in contract from the parent, guardian or other person bound by law to maintain such infant, if such person is able to pay.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the Department and boards of health may refer persons eligible under Medicaid for payment of hospital care for premature infants to the appropriate agency for such assistance, and may accept such payments for the care and hospitalization of such infants.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Department of Public Health
Bureau of Health Services
39 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
357-5002

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Human Services

AGENCY: Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

PROGRAM TITLE: Vocational Rehabilitation Services

AUTHORIZATION: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 78 (PL 565)

OBJECTIVES: To provide certain services to handicapped persons for whom a vocational goal is feasible.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Any handicapped person (1) who is a resident of the state at the time of filing his application and whose vocational rehabilitation after full investigation by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission can be satisfactorily fulfilled or (2) who is eligible under the terms of an agreement with any department, division, or sub-division of the commonwealth, with another state, or with the federal government.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Any goods and services necessary to render a handicapped person fit to engage in a remunerative occupation or in the occupation of home-maker including:

1. Diagnostic and related services, including transportation, required for the determination of eligibility for service and of the nature and scope of the services to be provided; guidance and placement services for handicapped individuals, the acquisition of small business enterprises or other equipment, and initial stocks and supplies for small business enterprises conducted by handicapped persons under the supervision of the commission;

2. Physical restoration services;

3. Books and training materials;

4. Maintenance;

5. Tools, equipment, initial stocks and supplies, including equipment, initial stocks and supplies for small business enterprises;

6. Transportation not included previously;

7. Occupational licenses; and

8. Other goods and services necessary to render a handicapped person fit to engage in a remunerative occupation, or in the occupation of home-maker;

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (Cont.):

9. Training for handicapped individuals;

10. Services to the families of a handicapped individual when such services are necessary towards the rehabilitation of such individual;

provided, however, that those vocational rehabilitation services enumerated above in items 2 to 10, inclusive, shall be provided at public cost only to those handicapped persons who are found by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission to require financial assistance with respect thereto, and to persons receiving old age and survivors insurance benefits for disability.

If vocational rehabilitation services cannot be provided to all eligible handicapped persons who apply, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission shall provide by regulation the order to be followed in selecting those to whom such services will be provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission
296 Boylston Street
Boston, MA
727-2183

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Public Safety

AGENCY: Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice (MCCJ)

PROGRAM TITLE: Criminal Justice Improvement-Discretionary Grants

AUTHORIZATION: Title I, Parts C and E, of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended.

OBJECTIVES: To provide temporary support for major criminal justice improvement efforts and demonstration projects.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: State and local criminal justice agencies as well as private non-profit agencies related to criminal justice are eligible to apply.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: LEAA discretionary grants are awarded directly by LEAA, with MCCJ concurrence. Awards are generally made only for projects assigned priority by LEAA. LEAA's priorities and detailed application requirements are identified in LEAA Manual M 4500, available from the LEAA Regional Office. Potential applicants are encouraged to discuss their projects with the appropriate Criminal Justice Development Agency and MCCJ program specialist before beginning to develop a formal application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: (1) Program Development
Massachusetts Committee on
Criminal Justice
80 Boylston Street, Room 740
Boston, MA 02116
727-5497

(2) Law Enforcement Assistance
Administration
New England Regional Office
100 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02110
223-7256

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Public Safety

AGENCY: Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice (MCCJ)

PROGRAM TITLE: Juvenile Delinquency Prevention-Demonstration Grants

AUTHORIZATION: Section 261(a) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

OBJECTIVES: To provide temporary support for innovative state and local programs designed to prevent delinquency or improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the juvenile justice system.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: MCCJ will consider applications from any public or private (non-profit) agency with a reasonable relationship to juvenile justice. The other eligibility requirements for Part C/E funds (see description above) also apply to this program. This is a new program, and Congress has not yet established a clear funding pattern for it. In FY 1976 Massachusetts' total allocation was $547,000.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The comments under the entry for Part C and E funds (see above) also apply to this program. Funding priorities and program quidelines for these funds are developed by a special Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, appointed by the Governor. These guidelines and all JJDPA awards must be approved by the full Committee on Criminal Justice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: (1) The regional Criminal Justice Development Agency serving your area.

(2) JJDPA Program
Massachusetts Committee on
Criminal Justice
80 Boylston Street, Room 740
Boston, MA 02116
727-5497

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Public Safety

AGENCY: Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice (MCCJ)

PROGRAM TITLE: Criminal Justice Improvement-Demonstration Grants

AUTHORIZATION: Title I, Part C and E, of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended.

OBJECTIVES: To provide temporary support for innovative state and local programs designed to reduce crime and/or improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system (including police, courts, prosecution, indigent defense, probation, corrections, parole, and juvenile justice agencies).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: This is the LEAA block grant program for Massachusetts. MCCJ will consider applications from any agency or group with a reasonable relationship to criminal justice or crime prevention. Except for major state criminal justice agencies, the Committee requires all applications to be endorsed by the chief executive officer of a county, city, or town. State agencies must contribute matching funds equal to at least 1/9 of the federal funds; local units of government must contribute 1/18 match. Approximately $10 million is available each year. Grants are usually awarded for the calendar year, and may be continued for a maximum of three years.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: MCCJ's deadline for applications each year is the day after Labor Day. Applications must be submitted on standard subgrant application forms available from MCCJ. County and city applications must be reviewed and endorsed by the appropriate regional Criminal Justice Development Agency prior to submission to MCCJ. Applications are reviewed competitively by the MCCJ staff; written evaluations are prepared and are made available to applicants simultaneously with their submission to the Committee along with staff recommendations. The Committee's decisions are reached in a series of public meetings. Applicants are notified of these meetings and may request an opportunity to testify in support of their application. Staff review of applications is based heavily on program guidelines and priorities developed by the staff and approved by the Committee. Copies of these guidelines are available by early July each year; they are automatically mailed to all current MCCJ grantees and will be sent to other agencies on request. The Committee's decisions are usually announced in early December. Potential applicants are strongly advised to discuss their projects with the appropriate Criminal Justice Development Agency and the appropriate MCCJ program specialist prior to developing and submitting their

applications. In general, the Committee will give priority to projects impacting the most serious crime problems, e.g., those of core neighborhoods of major cities. Further information is available in MCCJ's program guidelines and subgrant application form. A description of projects currently funded is also available from MCCJ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: (1) The regional Criminal Justice Development Agency serving your area.

(2) Program Development
Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice
80 Boylston Street, Room 740
Boston, MA 02116
727-5497

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Public Safety

AGENCY: Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice (MCCJ)

PROGRAM TITLE: Criminal Justice Planning Grants

AUTHORIZATION: Title I, Part B of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended.

OBJECTIVES: To establish a network of regional agencies to plan, coordinate, and support local criminal justice improvement efforts throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Each year Massachusetts receives approximately $1.6 million in Part B funds from LEAA. The Act requires that 40 percent of this amount be passed through to local units of government to support regional criminal justice planning agencies. Massachusetts has established seven criminal justice planning regions. Part B funds are awarded to one unit of government (county or city) in each region. The following regions are included within the MAPC area:

Boston
Essex region (Essex County, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop)
Eastern Middlesex region (Middlesex County above Cambridge-Boxborough line)
Southwest Metro region (Norfolk County, southern part of Middlesex)

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Part B funds will be awarded only for support of the designated Criminal Justice Development Agency in each region. Allocations to each region are determined in advance by MCCJ. For regional CJDAs, primary control over the staff and its activities will be in the hands of supervisory boards consisting of a majority of locally-elected officials from the region, plus citizens and representatives of the various parts of the criminal justice system. The major units of government served by each region will be expected to contribute cash match equal to at least 1/18 of the federal funds received. Other requirements are specified in guidelines available from MCCJ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Planning Director
Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice
80 Boylston Street, Room 740
Boston, MA 02116
727-7340

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Maintenance of Ways in Small Towns

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 81, Section 26

OBJECTIVES: To provide funds to small towns for the repair and improvement of roads which are not classified as state highways including funds for the sanding and removal of snow.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Towns having valuations of less than $5 million, as established by the valuations made for the purpose of apportioning the state tax as appearing in Chapter 559 of the Acts of 1945 and in which the proportionate amount paid by such towns of every million dollars of such tax as established and apportioned in said Chapter 559, divided by the number of miles of such public ways, hereinafter known as the road mileage ratio, is less than $12, such sums not exceeding $250 per mile as the general court may appropriate therefor; provided, that such towns shall contribute or make available for use in connection therewith the following amounts for each mile of public ways within their respective limits, according to the following schedule based on their road mileage ratio:

1. Less than $1.40, $15.
2. $1.40 and less than $2.00, $25.
3. $2.00 and less than $2.80, $40.
4. $2.80 and less than $3.50, $50.
5. $3.50 and less than $5.50, $75.
6. $5.50 and less than $7.00, $100.
7. $7.00 and less than $9.00, $125.
8. $9.00 and less than $12.00, $150.

The Department shall withhold or withdraw the unexpended balance of any funds assigned by it under this Section or Section 25 if the town fails to comply with the official standards for traffic control established by the Department or with any provision of a traffic control agreement negotiated between the Department and the town, as required by the United States Secretary of Commerce under Section 109 of Title 23 of the United States Code.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The amounts appropriated as aforesaid and contributed by the towns shall be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works on such ways as said Department and the selectmen of the towns may agree upon.

The cost of snow removal upon such ways in any such town, including amounts paid as rental for trucks and other equipment, and, at hourly rates approved by the Department of Public Works, charges for the use of trucks and other equipment owned by such town, and the cost of sanding such ways in any such town may be paid from the amounts so appropriated

and contributed at the rate of not more than $75 per mile.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Safety Improvements at High Accident Locations

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 90, Section 33B

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns of up to 100 percent of the cost of safety improvements at high accident locations.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The city or town must submit a completed application for each project proposed. Since this program is aimed at "high accident" locations, inclusion of accident data is essential. Copies of accident reports for the previous three years should be submitted with each application. The application will be submitted to the Boston Office of the Department of Public Works for determination of eligibility.

Safety improvements provided for under this program will fall into the following categories:

Channelization at intersections

Installing additional traffic lanes at approaches to signalized intersections

General improvements in roadway alignment and grade

Providing pedestrian grade separations

Addition or improvement of pavement markings, signals, signs or other devices required in connection with the application of engineering techniques to improve safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic

Highway lighting projects which meet warrants established by the Department

Upon approval of a proposed project, the municipality will be advised to prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the work and submit these for review.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Once a project has been finally approved, the municipality may use either force account or contract to perform the work. The city or town is expected to pay for the work and will be reimbursed by the state after completion and acceptance.

The basis for establishing priorities for projects under this program will be the accident experience.

Reimbursement is allowable under this program for engineering costs for preparation of plans and estimates. Employment of consulting engineers by the cities and towns must receive prior approval by the Department.

No reimbursement is allowable for land taking or for police protection during construction.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Chapter 90 (State Aid)

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(a)

OBJECTIVES: To provide funds for construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance for all public highways other than state highways of town and city and country ways as determined by the most recent survey conducted by the Department of Public Works.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Funds made available to the cities and towns shall be available for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, shoulders, side road approaches, landscaping and tree planting, roadside drainage, structures including bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths, traffic control and service facilities, street lighting excluding the cost of operation, intersection construction, street name signs, traffic safety devices such as line painting and construction signing, unusual or disaster operations, and for such other purposes as the Department may specifically authorize.

The Department will periodically identify a system of local roads that it finds to be essential for through as well as local travel purposes, and will promulgate design standards that it deems desirable for such roads. The network of roads so designated will be known as the Chapter 90 Primary System. In order to be eligible for state assistance, major capital improvements on the Chapter 90 Primary System will have to meet Department standards. The local share of such projects will be waived, making the state share 100 percent. Lesser improvements on the Chapter 90 Primary System, such as resurfacing, will be handled in the same manner as of the Chapter 90 Primary System, i.e., 75 percent state, 25 percent city or town.

Whenever an improvement on a Chapter 90 primary road involves or affects more than one community, each community involved must agree to bring the highway up to specified standards prior to any one community receiving waiver of its local share.

Cities and towns will be expected to maintain an annual accident spot map and a "master plan" for Chapter 90 improvements that places priority on the improvement of high accident locations.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The formula for the disbursement of funds made available under subdivision (2)(a) of Section 34, Chapter 90 of the General Laws is as follows:

(a) Fifty per centum in the proportion to which the number of miles of public way, other than state highway in each city or town bears to the total number of miles

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (Cont.):

of public ways, other than state highways, in all such cities and towns in the Commonwealth;

(b) Twenty-five per centum in the proportion to which the population of each city or town bears to the total population of all such cities and towns in the Commonwealth;

(c) Twenty-five per centum in the proportion to which the number of persons whose place of employment is located in each city or town bears to the total number of persons whose place of employment is located within the Commonwealth.

Prior to 1973, Chapter 90 projects were financed 50 percent state, 25 percent county and 25 percent local. The new policy of the Department is that the state's share will be 75 percent except for projects carries out on the Chapter 90 Primary System as discussed in the second paragraph dealing with eligibility requirements.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: Substandard Bridge Program

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 411, Acts of 1966; Chapter 765, Acts of 1972

OBJECTIVES: To provide funds for improvements to and reconstruction of local bridges upon agreement with city and town officials.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Department guidelines for programming substandard municipal bridges are as follows:

1. The project shall be of such magnitude and economic impact as to be worthy of the state's contribution.

2. A project cost equal to, or more than, three years' total Chapter 90 allotment (based on the $7,000,000 distribution of 1967) will be considered and listed for programming when a municipality has agreet to participate in the project costs. This in no means ties this program in with Chapter 90 but is used as a method of measuring the relative merits of the project.

3. A priority for programming will be established in the Department.

4. The municipalities shall be informed that a minimum of three years should be expected between acceptance of a project and completion of construction. This period might be extended considerably depending on the severity of the environmental impact on the area. This will assist the municipality in making a judgment as to requesting participation in the substandard bridge program.

Upon receipt of a statement of intent to participate in the project, preliminary engineering will be authorized. A formal agreement covering details of the work will be executed, prior to advertising, and it is expected that the municipal contribution will be made by the town directly to the Department's contractor at such time and in such amounts as may be specified in written orders from the Department.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The commissioners of the Department have established a policy whereby substandard, municipally-owned bridges may be replaced if the local authorities agree to participate in project costs to the extent of:

1. All land damages and the filing of the layout;

2. The lesser of the following amounts:

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS (Cont.):

a. Twenty-five percent of the cost of construction, or;

b. A contribution equal to one year's Chapter 90 total assignment of town, county and state funds based on the $7,000,000 appropriation of 1967. Again, this is not to mean any connection with the Chapter 90 program but is used as a method of computing the local contribution.

3. Construction of any highway beyond minimal approaches, made necessary by relocation of the structures;

4. Relocation of municipally-owned utilities.

The Department will provide engineering services for design and construction.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Department of Public Works

PROGRAM TITLE: School Zone Installations

AUTHORIZATION: Chapter 616; Acts of 1967

OBJECTIVES: To reimburse cities and towns the total initial cost of each school zone installed.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The board of selectmen, city council or a responsible municipal official such as a chief of police or superintendent of schools should submit an application or a form which may be obtained at the District Office which serves that municipality. If after investigation the desired school zone is found to be warranted, a permit is issued for the installation. The municipality then requests bids from contractors. The municipality may award the contract and also sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Public Works after verbal approval of the bid by the district office.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: Upon completion and acceptance of the installation by the Department of Public Works and the municipality, vouchers, statements, bills, etc., from the contractor should be submitted to the district office. These are forwarded to the Office of Traffic Engineer of the Department of Public Works for final processing and payment to the municipality.

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DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission

PROGRAM TITLE: Airport Development Program

AUTHORIZATION: G.L., Chapter 90, Sections 39 and 52

OBJECTIVES: State financial aid to cities, towns and counties in the development of municipal airports.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Municipal airports or proposed airports conforming to the current state airport plan are eligible for aid up to 40 percent of the cost.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: There must be federal participation in the cost through the airport development aid program, the municipality must designate the Aeronautics Commission it agent to deal with the federal government, and it must enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission
Boston-Logan Airport
East Boston, MA 02128
727-5350

DEPARTMENT: Executive Office of Transportation and Construction

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary

PROGRAM TITLE: Regional Transit Authority Program (RTA)

AUTHORIZATION: MGL Chapter 161B

OBJECTIVES: To continue and improve public transportation service throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A community must become a member of a regional transit authority, as per Chapter 161B of the General Laws. Eight RTAs are presently in existence. A community, not now an MBTA or an RTA member may join an RTA having as one of its members a community contiguous to itself. Or a community outside the MBTA with or without other contiguous communities, may, subject to the approval of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, form its own RTA.

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS: The state reimburses each community 50 percent of the net cost of service of providing public transportation within its borders. Federal mass transportation operating assistance reduces the deficit which the state then participates in. The state also pays 50 percent of non-federally assisted capital costs incurred in buying buses, bus shelters and garages, etc.

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